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# GRAND FINAL FEVER

**BY KEITH GILMOUR**

**THE scene is really hotting up as Sunday's West End National Soccer League grand final draws closer, with Sydney Croatia facing Marconi at Parramatta Stadium.**

But as the distant rumble of battle draws closer, it isn't so much the respective camps who are causing the noise.

National coach Frank Arok, with binoculars fixed in the direction of coming Olympic Games final series opponents Yugoslavia, Brazil and Nigeria, is aiming to call the shots.

He doesn't want Sydney Croatia's key defender Wally Savor risking an extension of his injury in the grand final.

But the situation is seen in a somewhat different perspective by Croatia coach Vedran Rozic.

The wily veteran said: "I'm hoping that Wally is clear of his knee ligament trouble in time to play.

"We certainly can't call on David Rezo to fill the gap.

"He has had surgery to correct his knee cartilage problem and obviously must stand down."

Few will question that the two form teams of the NSL have fought their way through to compete in the top game of the year, when everything goes on the line.

Sydney Croatia is yet to win a national title, whilst Marconi hasn't celebrated since 1979.

Croatia have that niggling query over the defence, but Marconi coach Berti Mariani reported "no injuries, no suspensions."

The all-clear included Gerry Gomez, who had to hobble off after receiving a knock against the doughty Wollongong Wolves last Sunday.

Gomez, who always looked so confident streaming through the middle, perhaps lacks the same directness when playing on the right.

*ACTION from previous Sydney Croatia — Marconi encounters Left: Tony Henderson (on ball), aiming to go out on a high note. Right: Robbie Slater being shadowed.*

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## Young Roos' World Cup Bid

**BY LOU GAUTIER**

***THE same 18 players who took part in the Indonesian Independence Cup in Jakarta earlier this month will represent Australia in the Oceania Youth World Cup qualifying tournament in Fiji.***

*The seven-team tourna-ment starts on Saturday with the participation of Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Western Samoa, Chinese Taipei, Vanuatu and Papua-New Guinea.*

*Matches will be played in Suva's National Stadium, and the teams finishing first and second will link up with two Asian countries, yet to be determined, for the right to compete in the seventh Youth World Cup, to be held in Saudi Arabia in February, 1989.*

*Young Socceroo coach Les Scheinflug was confident on the eve of the team's departure that Australia would clinch a play-off berth.*

*He decided to select the same squad which exceeded all expectations to reach the final of the Jakarta tournament, losing 0-1 to China's Olympic team.*

*"I could have done with an additional aggressive striker," he said, "but time was against us. He wouldn't have had a chance to blend into the team.*

*"The five games in Indonesia sorted the men from the boys and gave the players' morale a tremendous lift.*

*"It was the ideal dress rehearsal for the World Cup. We won't have any excuses if we don't finish amongst the first two in Fiji where I expect New Zealand, of course, to provide the toughest opposition."*

*The All Whites played two warm-up games in the Solomon Islands last week.*

*Australian Soccer Federation general secretary Alan Vessey said that there have been problems with the tournament along the way.*

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# THE COUNTDOWN TO SEOUL

Denmark went through to the semifinal after three victories in the group matches (here 3-2 against Argentina), and then on into the final after a win against Hungary, in 1960.

# Twenty-eight years revisited

**BY LOU GAUTIER**

***THIS week's retrospect of Soccer at the Olympic Games stretches from 1936 to 1964.***

*Soccer returned to the Olympic programme in Germany after an eight-year gap as the sport was dropped from the 1932 Games in Los Angeles.*

*The German organisers, unlike the Americans, had long before let it be known that for financial reasons they could not dispense with the sport.*

*It was also FIFA's wish to get back into the Olympics to show that amateur Soccer was still viable.*

*Since the introduction of the first two World Cups — in 1930 and 1934 — professional Soccer had flourished.*

*Under the circumstances, it was quite a coup to get 16 fairly strong amateur national teams on the field.*

### 1936-Berlin

*Europe was represented by 11 teams; South America only by Peru because Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay were now fully professional. China and Japan defended Asia's colours and Egypt and the USA made up the balance.*

*The teams were split into two groups, with Group A considered the stronger, but there were still surprises in store as Japan beat Sweden and the British amateurs only narrowly accounting for China while Austria had to fight all the way to defeat Egypt 3-1.*

*In the second round, the surprises turned into sensations: Germany, who had trounced Luxembourg 9-0 in the opening round, lost 2-0 to Norway, much to Hitler's dismay.*

*Poland, who eliminated Hungary, hung on to beat England 5-4 while Austria-Peru ended in chaos. Peru won 4-3 but the Austrians lodged a protest, which FIFA upheld. Peru refused to replay the game as ordered and Austria went on to beat Poland 3-1 in the semi-finals.*

*The Italians beat the USA 1-0, Japan 8-0, Norway 2-1, after extra-time, on their way to the final, which they won, again in extra-time, against Austria, 2-1, in front of 95,000 spectators with Annibale Frossi their brightest star.*

### 1948-London

*Twelve years after the Berlin Olympics, and three years after the end of World War II, 16 countries showed up in England, including Afghanistan, a united Korea, China, Egypt, the USA and, for the first time, Mexico.*

*A straight elimination was in force from the start, so eight teams headed home after only one match, including Holland and India (who played barefooted, yet only lost by the odd goal to France).*

*In the quarter-finals, Denmark eliminated Italy at Highbury Stadium; Great Britain did the same to France; Sweden trounced Korea 12-0, and Yugoslavia downed Austria 3-0.*

*Yugoslavia and Sweden reached the final. Yugoslavia outed hosts Great Britain 3-1 but the high-scoring Swedes were restricted to a 1-0 victory against neighbours Denmark.*

*Sweden won the final much more convincingly — 3-1 — despite the class of Yugoslavia's Matic, Vukas and Cajkovski.*

*Swedes Nordahl, Gren and Liedholm were all lured to Italy where they became superstars with AC Milan. The best Danes also took off for foreign clubs.*

### 1952-Helsinki

*Helsinki confirmed the greatness of the Hungarian wonderteam which dominated world football from 1949 until 1954.*

*No-one was surprised when players like Puskas, Czibor, Grosics (the goalie), Kocsis, Hidegkuti and Lorant propelled Hungary to an impressive goal average of 20-2.*

*The final everyone was hoping for eventuated and, on August 2, 1952, Hungary and Yugoslavia took the field in the greatest Olympic final ever.*

*The polished Yugoslavs, however, felt the effects of their quarter-final replay against the USSR, and Puskas and Hidegkuti scored for Hungary after a scoreless first half for a deserved gold medal.*

*Sweden beat a surprising Germany for the bronze. In the quarter-finals, Germany eliminated Brazil, making its first Olympic appearance, 4-2, and Sweden knocked out Austria 3-1 before being mercilessly thrashed 6-0 by Hungary in the semis.*

### 1956-Melbourne

*Australia made its Olympic debut in Melbourne; defeated Japan 2-0 but lost to India 4-2 in the quarter-finals.*

*Indonesia caused the sensation of the quarter-finals by holding the mighty USSR to a scoreless draw, before losing the replay 4-0.*

*Many withdrawals weakened the overall standard of the Soccer tournament.*

*Hungary, Romania, Poland, Germany, Egypt and China pulled out, and in the end only 11 teams competed.*

*The Soviets and the Bulgarians were the only ones represented by their full national teams, so it wasn't surprising that they staged the best game of the series, in the semi-final at the MCG.*

*The USSR qualified for the final with a 2-1 win, in extra-time, and met Yugoslavia, semi-final winners over India, in the final.*

*There, the Soviet team, inspired by legendary goalkeeper Lev Yashin, Strelzov and Tichenko, again denied the Yugoslavs a gold medal by winning 1-0.*

*Bulgaria defeated India 3-0 for the bronze.*

### 1960-Rome

*Yugoslavia finally won its gold medal in Rome!*

*Galic, Matus and Kostic scored in their 3-1 final win over surprise-packet Denmark.*

*Yugoslavia only made it to the final, though, by winning a toss of the coin after being held 1-1 by Italy in the semifinal.*

*Gianni Rivera, then 17, made his international debut for Italy, whose amateur team also included Trapattoni, Burgnich and Bulgarelli.*

*Denmark outed the favoured Hungarians in the semifinal.*

*Italy disappointed the home fans when they were edged out 2-1 by Hungary in the bronze medal play-off.*

*Drug-taking reared its ugly head in Rome and rumours flew thick and fast — none substantiated — that several teams were "revved" up.*

### 1964-Tokyo

*The first Games on Asian soil saw Hungary win a second Olympic Soccer gold medal, with a new generation of players.*

*Hungarian goalscoring machine Ferenc Bene was the tournament's star individual performer.*

*A crowd of 80,000 at the Olympic Stadium watched Bene and Janos Farkas score as their team beat Czechoslovakia 2-1 in the final. Jan Brumovsky scored for the losers.*

*Czechoslovakia reached the final with a 2-1 win over East Germany. The Hungarians had it much easier, thrashing Egypt 6-0.*

*For the first time in the Olympics, two African teams made it to the quarter-finals, as Ghana also performed very well.*

*East Germany beat Egypt 3-1 for the bronze.*

*Japan, North Korea, Iran and South Korea — who lost 10-0 to the Czechs — were Asia's participants.*

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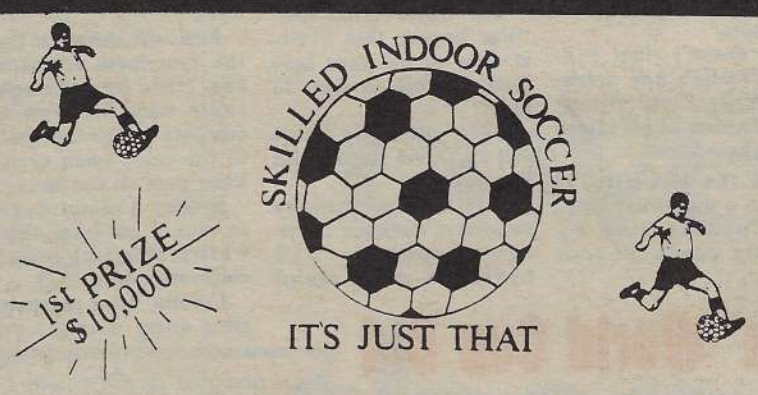


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# An explosive Yugoslav mix

*Semir Tuce (right), Velez Mostar, and Yugoslavia's, lethal striker, is sure to test the Australian defence when the teams meet on September 18.*

**The Countdown to Seoul**

***BY LOU GAUTIER***

**YUGOSLAVIA, one of the perenial powers of Olympic Soccer, will be represented in South Korea by an intriguing mix of experienced and budding young players.**

Coach Ivica Osim's squad contains three professionals based in France and a defender who operates in West Germany.

While some of the current stars of the Yugoslav First Division have been selected, several "untried" younger players have also been given the nod.

Socceroo coach Frank Arok, whose charges will meet Yugoslavia in their Olympic opener in provincial Kwangju on September 18, was so surprised by the Yugoslav squad that he flew to Lucerne last week to watch their match against Switzerland.

Arok was duly impressed by Yugoslavia's 2-0 win. After a scoreless first half, strikers Radmilo Mihailovic netted in the 65th minute, and Vladislav Djukic doubled the dose nine minutes from the end.

The Aussie boss accomplished his mission: he now has a much better idea of what to expect from his former countrymen.

Arok, however, still does not understand why Yugoslavia did not select its "full" national team for Seoul.

Arok is non-plussed at the omission of the youthful midfield duo of Robert Prosinecki and Zvonimir Boban, the stars of Yugoslavia's 1987 World Youth Championship-winning team.

Defender Srecko Katanec, who now plays in West Germany for VfB Stuttgart, is one of three players who also played in Yugoslavia's 1984 bronze medal-winning side.

The others are stopper Drago Brnovic and classy midfielder Cvijan Milosevic.

More ominous are the selections of three French-based stars: striker Zlatko Vujokic (Cannes, ex-Bordeaux) and centre-back Faruk Hadzibegic and midfielder Mehmed Badzarevic, both from Sochaux.

Arok particularly fears this expatriate trio which,he believes, will form the backone of the team with Red Star midfielder Dragan Stojkovic and lethal strikers Mihailovic and Djukic.

"With those players alone, Yugoslavia has the basis of a formidable team," Arok said.

"And then there are all the younger players of whom very little is know internationally but who have tremendous potential."

Stojkovic is nicknamed "Pixie" for his elf-like wizardry and artistry on and off the ball.

He has been sought after by Italian and West German clubs for the past two years and is a match-winner when the mood strikes him.

Mood could well be the key-word for the Yugoslavs.

Over the years, this great Soccer nation, which just keeps churning out talented players generation after generation, has often looked good in build-up games only to show a lack of character when the real test comes.

Away from home, and in official competitions like the World Cup or Olympic Games, they are always a doubtful quantity, likely to crack under pressure.

Although formidable opponents, practically on the same level as Brazil, Yugoslavia are not totally out of the reach of the Socceroos.

Our big advantage is to play them first-up, when they will still be tentative.

Unlike Brazil, this Yugoslav team will not have had the benefit of many pre-Olympic international games together.

The match last week against the Swiss was a one-off affair because in Yugoslavia the clubs also are reluctant to part with their players.

Yugoslavia may be coming in "cold" against Australia and for them, just as for us, this will be the crucial game of the tournament — the one which may determine the rest of their Olympic campaign.

Arok knows all about the Yugoslav psyche.

If we have to play Yugoslavia, never a very comforting prospect in Soccer no matter their line-up, I would rather have Arok at the helm than anyone else.

You can take it from me: by hook or by crook, his folder will be bulging with pertinent facts about our opponents before the crucial Kwangju clash.

He'll be working overtime on a blue-print to counter the looming danger.

Yugoslavia may have one Olympic gold medal, three silver and one bronze to their credit, but the Socceroos have proved many times over that the word "impossible" is just not in their international vocabulary.

**Yugoslavia's Olympic squad:**

**Goalkeepers: Stevan Stojanovic (Red Star Belgrade), Dradoge Lekovic (Buducnost).**

**Defenders: Rade Tosic (Hajduk Split), Srecko Katanec (Stuttgart), Faruk Hadzibegic (Sochaux), Drago Brnovic (Partizan Belgrade), Vujadin Stanojkovic (Vardar), Predrag Spasic.**

**Midfielders: Nenad Jaksic (Radnicki), Ivica Barbaric (Velez Mostar), Dragan Stojkovic (Red Star Belgrade), Mirko Mihic (Sloboda), Cvijan Milosevic (Radnicki), Mehmed Bazdarevic (Sochaux).**

**Strikers: Radmilo Mihailovic (Dinamo Zagreb), Vladislav Djukic (Partizan Belgrade), Semir Tuce (Velez Mostar), Tony Savevski, Zlatko Vujovic (Cannes).**

**Coach: Ivica Osim.**

# Socceroo squad

**AFTER its impressive Bicentennial Gold Cup outing, Australia's squad for the 1988 Olympic Games just about picked itself.**

Not unexpectedly, there are no surprises in the 20-man squad announced by Frank Arok on the eve of his departure for Switzerland last week.

While the Socceroo coach was watching Yugoslavia's match against the Swiss in Lucerne, the players assembled at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra to be outfitted in their official uniforms and to undergo medical tests.

Arok is confident his players will rise to the occasion in South Korea despite the class of the opposition.

He returned home with a folder bulging with pertinent data and facts on the Yugoslavs — Australia's opponents in the Olympic opener on September 18.

The Socceroos will fly to Seoul on a specially chartered Olympic flight on September 10 and set up camp immediately at their Kwangju headquarters.

The Australian squad for the Olympics, with players' ages followed by full national team appearances in brackets:

**GOALKEEPERS**

- JEFF OLVER (Melbourne Croatia), 27 (23)
- MIKE GIBSON (St George), 25 (3)

**DEFENDERS**

- WALLY SAVOR (Sydney Croatia), 29 (18)
- ALAN DAVIDSON (Melbourne Croatia), 28 (37)
- GRAHAM JENNING (Sydney Croatia), 28 (37)
- CHARLIE YANKOS (Apia Leichhardt), 27 (34)
- ROBBIE DUNN (Sydney Croatia), 27 (20)
- ANDY KOCZKA (St George), 22 (1)
- ALAN HUNTER (Sydney Croatia), 23 (6)
- ALEX TOBIN (Adelaide City), 23 (3)

**MIDFIELDERS**

- OSCAR CRINO (Footscray), 25 (24)
- PAUL WADE (South Melbourne), 26 (21)
- MIKE PETERSEN (Brunswick), 23 (6)
- VLADO BOZINOVSKI (Footscray), 23 (4)

**STRIKERS**

- DAVID MITCHELL (Feyenoord), 23 (22)
- GRAHAM ARNOLD (Sydney Croatia), 25 (22)
- FRANK FARINA (Marconi), 24 (25)
- SCOTT OLLERENSHAW (St George), 20 (6)
- ROBBIE SLATER (Sydney Croatia), 23 (3)
- JOHN KOSMINA (Olympic), 32 (59)

**STAND-BYS**

- TONY FRANKEN (Sydney Croatia) — goalkeeper, 23 (1)
- IAN GRAY (Marconi) — midfielder, 25 (5)
- ANGIE POSTECOGLOU (South Melbourne) — defender, 22 (2)
- GARY VAN EGMOND (Footscray) — defender, 22 (-)

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- **COACH:** FRANK AROK
- **ASSISTANT COACH:** EDDIE THOMSON
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# Marconi brushes past Wolves

**BY LOU GAUTIER**

**MARCONI survived a first half scare to power its way past Wolllongong City in last Sunday's preliminary National League final with a convincing 2-0 win at the Croatian Sports Centre.**

Marconi gained its place in Sunday's grand final against neighbours Sydney Croatia with an inspired two-minute two-goal burst.

Marconi's prospects of a grand final appearance had looked anything but rosy in a scrappy first period.

The few scoring chances and most of the goalmouth action belonged to Wollongong — as they had in the previous week's major semi-final against Croatia.

The Wolves surprised the disappointing crowd, generously announced as 3592, by taking the game to the Fairfielders almost from the opening kick-off.

Yet it was Frank Farina who had the first shot at goal of the match, in the eighth minute, when he rounded David Ratcliffe only to shoot feebly into the arms of a grateful Warwick Young.

Marshall Soper, otherwise marked out of most of the game by his "shadow" Steve Calderan, headed straight at goalie Bob Catlin from a long through-ball from David Skeen in the 14th minute.

Two minutes later, Danny Crainie, easily Wollongong's most active striker on the day, tore the wrong-footed Marconi defence apart and sent in a low cross which rolled tantalisingly along the goalmouth screaming for a deflection into an unguarded Marconi net, Catlin having come off his line.

In the 20th minute, Mike Hollifield's freekick close to the byline also rolled along the six-yard line begging to be pushed in, but yet another Wollongong opportunity went astray.

Marconi had to wait until the 30th minute for another half-chance of their own when Gerry Gomez' header, off an Ian Gray freekick, went wide to goalkeeper Young's left.

Play was even in the remaining 15 minutes of the first half.

The pace was fast and furious, but aimless high balls swirling in the strong wind did not add to the spectacle.

Farina gave a glimpse of things to come with 3lst and 36th minute shots, both well saved by Young, and Mineo Bonetig and Soper were threatening at the other end, but it was 0-0 at half-time — a scoreline that slightly flattered Marconi.

There was no denying them after the interval, though.

Marconi took the game by the scruff of its neck straight from the resumption and the deadlock was broken in the 55th minute.

Gray executed one of his long throw-in "specials". The ball landed kindly for Zlatko Nastevski whose first-time shot was only partially blocked by Young. An opportunist David Lowe was spot-on to steer the rebound into the Wollongong net.

Some 110 seconds later, Marconi doubled the dose, albeit with an element of luck.

Matteo Colucci sent a delicate chip over the committed Wolves defence. Nastevski decidedly handled the ball before passing to Farina who made no mistake with a thundering 18-metre drive.

Referee Gary Power said after the game that the ball had hit Nastevski and that it was not an intentional hand-ball.

"I saw it alright," Powers said, "but I didn't whistle as the player had not deliberately handled the ball."

Wollongong coach John Fleming wasn't buying any of that.

"I saw Nastevski scoop the ball up with his hand. That was the only way he could get it under control," he claimed most emphatically.

Be it as it may, that was the end of the ball game as far as Wollongong was concerned.

The second goal just about broke their spirit and the final scoreline could have been doubled.

With Farina in full cry, producing his best club football since the Bicentennial Gold Cup, Marconi came awfully close to scoring twice in one minute.

In an incident-packed 64th minute, "Flying Frankie" first sent Lowe through after a glorious solo run down the right flank only to see the Marconi No 11 miss the simplest of goals from a mere six metres.

And with the crowd still on its feet, Farina, truly rampant and at his irresistible best, hit the side-netting with an acutely angled fierce drive.

A resigned Wollongong City were only going through the motions at that stage, but they did show some pride to finish the game with a flourish.

Soper and Bonetig came close to notching a consolation goal in the final two minutes of a match which promised much more than it delivered.

The switch to the Croatian Sports Centre did not bring the expected crowd. The anticipated Croatia fans did not materialise, no doubt saving themslves for this Sunday's grand final.

Soccer would certainly have been better served had the preliminary final been staged at Wollongong's Brandon Park.

The attendance, for sure, would have been larger and it would have been a just reward for Wolves' minor premiership win.

As things turned out, they got a big fat zero for finishing atop the league!

Marconi, however, carried such momentum that they probably still would have made it three play-off wins in a row no matter where the game had been staged.

They've hit top form at the right time and were well served by every player, with Farina, Calderan, Carter and Colucci, who probably played his best game since joining the team mid-year, outstanding.

A special mention also to Tony Henderson who notched up his 293rd National League appearance and was his usual cool, efficient professional self.

Pat Brodnik and David Ratcliffe, who copped yellow cards, performed solidly. But young Mineo Bonetig — a youngster who will surely go places and already plays with the coollness of a veteran — and industrious terrier-like winger Crainie were the pick of a Wollongong side where midfield creativity was found wanting when the chips were down.

**MARCONI: Catlin, Carter, Colucci, Henderson, Calderan, Gray, Gomez (McCulloch 79), Nastevski, Farina, Katholos, Lowe.**

**WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Skeen, Hollifield, Bonetig, Vlietstra, Ratcliffe, Soper, Ainsworth, Brodnik, Kotaminidis, Crainie.**

**Referee: G.Power. Crowd: 3592.**

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**It is difficult, however, to spot a marked weakness in either side.**

**Croatia is fortunate that lightning-fast Manis Lamond has had an extra week's treatment to enable his ankle to recover.**

**The strength of Marconi captain Steve Calderan, added to the savvy of Tony Henderson, means that Rozic has a hard task ahead to provide the better defence.**

**The Marconi midfield could get on top, although they lack a man of the defensive strength of Croatia's Mark Jones.**

**Both goalkeepers have shown up to advantage and the respective forward lines have been very lively over recent weeks.**

**In the league first round the score was 1-1, with Croatia sneaking ahead with a 3-2 result in the return game.**

**Both sides bristle with players of international experience at various levels.**

**Sydney Croatia has Tony Franken, Alan Hunter, Graham Jennings, Graham Arnold and Robbie Slater, not to mention former Yugoslav star Rozic.**

**In that category for Marconi go Tony Henderson, Peter Katholos, Ian Gray, Frank Farina and Tom McCulloch, backed up by the likes of Robbie Wheatley and New Zealander Fred de Jong.**

**Who will grab hold of the game. Nastevski? Farina? Arnold? Slater? Or who else?**

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# Wallace in Croatia merry-go-round

**BY GREG BLAKE**

***IAN Wallace may or may not be sacked as Melbourne Croatia coach and the club might or might not face a mass exodus of players over summer.***

*Which story you believe depends upon which source you rely for information. What is quite clear is that Melbourne Croatia is in turmoil — despite all official denials to the contrary.*

*Wallace has not been sacked, at least officially.*

*His job depends on the outcome of the September AGM but he believes he will be "out of the job in two minutes" if the present committee is re-elected.*

*Assistant team manager Miro Hedjes has told Melbourne's daily press that Wallace is certainly out and told ASW: "We have decided to release him from his duties."*

*But officially Wallace has been told nothing except that he is still the coach until the result of the upcoming election is known.*

*Team manager David Filipovic says: "Ian Wallace has never been sacked. Hedjes is not the club spokesman."*

*I believe the decision to sack Wallace has been taken by the present committee and they will go ahead with plans to secure a new coach if re-elected.*

***Ian Wallace: cold-shouldered by crisis-stricken Melbourne Croatia.***

*But in the lead-up to the elections I believe the committee is covering up its internal problems in a bid to secure members' votes.*

*Officially, Croatia won't admit to any internal strife, but the facts are that irrespective of the outcome of the elections a number of players will be lost to the club and the team manager is set to resign.*

*Filipovic admitted one of the reasons he was considering resignation was because of the backroom problems during the latter half of the season. "I am re-thinking my position", he says.*

*Long-serving club skipper George Hannah wouldn't be drawn on the problems but says he is disappointed by recent events. "A bit of loyalty to the coach would have been nice," he said.*

*Another senior player, who didn't want to be identified because he is still owed money by the club, told ASW: "The atmosphere at the club is all wrong — and it starts at the top.*

*"I believe the committee are trying to make things look stable and they're really not."*

*There has been speculation that the club would be clearing out its playing staff after the elections in favour of a youth policy.*

*But it is no secret that Croatia is already facing the loss of several senior stars.*

*Socceroos Jeff Olver and Robbie Dunn are believed to be disappointed at internal criticism of their efforts in 1988; Jozo Antolovic is desperately trying to raise the money to return to Yugoslavia; Graham Heys has retired; Branko Milosevic has left for the United States; Dale White has returned to the UK, and Paul Donnelly is rumoured as keen to leave.*

*Wallace is angry that the club won't reveal what is happening behind the scenes at Croatia.*

*He has met with the club "for about an hour" since he first read of his 'sacking' in the daily press.*

*"I've asked them man-to-man to give me some answers (about the coaching position) but they say they can't until after the elections," he says.*

*"Who knows, maybe what I am saying now will get me the sack this week?"*

*Watch this space for further developments.*

# 'Hendo' hunts a record

**BY FRANK SCICLUNA**

**ELEVEN long years and *293* matches after making his National Soccer League debut for Canberra City against West Adelaide on April 3, 1977, Tony Henderson is now within *one game* of equalling Bugsy Nyskohus' all-time record of most league appearances.**

The 34-year-old former Socceroo captain has already made it clear that this was his last year in NSL football and should Marconi reach the Grand Final it will give big Hendo a chance of joining Nyskohus in the record books — and what an appropriate farewell that will be. "Don't get me wrong," Henderson was quick to emphasise, "I don't intend hanging up my boots just yet.

"I'm hoping to obtain a free transfer from Marconi and feel that I still have a couple of good years to offer in State League.

"That will enable me to enjoy my game without the constant pressure and interstate travelling involved at the top level."

Since his move from Canberra to Bossley Park at the beginning of Marconi's 1979 championship-winning season, Henderson has stuck with his club through thick and thin, giving it a decade of wholehearted service. Club loyalty in any sport is somewhat of a rarity these days but as Henderson points out, "this is without doubt the best club in the country. I've thoroughly enjoyed my 10 years here and we have always sorted out whatever difficulties we may have had in a mature and professional manner.

"Sure, I have had many offers to move on over the years, but what was the point of going anywhere that was no better than this and in many instances vastly inferior?" he asks.

Apart from his loyalty to Marconi, Henderson has also played a large role in the dramatic rise of the Socceroos at international level.

Captaining his country in many of his 51 appearances for Australia has been one of the numerous highlights. He will never forget that famous night at the Sydney Showground in 1979 when he scored a late winner which gave the Socceroos a tremendous 2-1 victory over the New York Cosmos in front of some 60,000 fans.

"Yes, I've had a marvellous innings" Henderson reflected last week.

"Whether I manage to equal Bugsy's record or not, I really can't complain. Of course, I would love to end my NSL career with another championship, but we'll just have to wait and see."

After playing all his football in Australia at National League level it will be strange to see Hendo going around in the State League. But whoever is fortunate enough to obtain his services will be assured of getting a couple of years of vast experience and knowledge from one of the game's leading personalities.

A longer term future in the coaching ranks is also a strong possibility. "I don't know how I'll go," Henderson admits, "but I would certainly love to give it a shot.

"Soccer has been part of my life for as long as I can remember and I've got a lot of happy memories out of it."

All fans will have their chance of bidding farewell to one of Australian Soccer's all-time greats at Parramatta Stadium in the Grand Final on Sunday.

**POSTSCRIPT**

**THERE has been some contention over the number of games played in the NSL by Tony Henderson.**

**Whilst official records show that he should equal Bugsy Nyskohus' record of 294 on Sunday, SBS-TV's statistical expert Mike Hill has had his say.**

**According to his immaculate records, 'Hendo' has already reached the magic 294, and would go one ahead.**

**It seems that an official recheck will be required.**

*Another job well done! Henderson (left) pals up with goalkeeper Catlin. Insert: 'Hendo' puts on his usual brave face.*

# Aussie "twins" strike terror

**BY LOU GAUTIER**

**AUSSIE "exiles" Eddie Krncevic and David Mitchell were the outstanding players in the opening round of their respective European leagues.**

**Krncevic played a huge part in Belgian glamour club Anderlecht's convincing away win over Genk before 14,000 stunned Flemish fans.**

**He "made" two goals with flying head deflections before scoring himself, in the 85th minute, to seal a 3-0 victory.**

**Krncevic went one better in Anderlecht's second round game, scoring a hat-trick in their 6-3 win over European Cup Winners' Cup winners Mechelen.**

**In neighbouring Holland, Mitchell was even more dominant, and very much the man of the match, for Feyenoord against PSV Eindhoven.**

**Mitchell scored twice in two minutes — in the 19th and 21st — to give his side a 2-0 lead over the European Cup winners in front of a capacity crowd of 46,000 in Rotterdam.**

**But the reigning Dutch champions fought back with goals in the 52nd and 89th minutes to snatch an exciting 2-2 draw.**

**Mitchell will join his national team-mates before they fly out to Seoul next month.**

**His scoring prowess is sure to add punch to the Australian attack when it takes on the tight Brazilian and Yugoslav cover defences.**

**But it's a crying shame that Krncevic, Australia's most highly rated Continental-based player, will again be watching the Socceroos from afar.**

**It is too much to hope BOTH will be available for World Cup qualifying duty in 1989?**

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# NSW with ALEX VESIC

## Berries' shocker

**PAVEL Janduda who promised so much at the start of the season was in full flight at Chopin Park last Sunday to score three goals in Polonia's runaway 8-1 win against Canterbury Marrickville.**

Neither team showed aggression or inclination to score goals for the first half an hour, then the floodgates opened.

Gavin Thompson was on the spot to slot one home from near the goal line after a melee and some poor defence from the visitors.

Stefan Janic made it 2-0 four minutes later, then came a delightful free kick from Henjek Sobczyk in the 39th and on the stroke of half time Janduda made it 4-0!

Polonia must have considered that scoreline a trifle flattering. Sure, goals came thick and fast in the short spell of 14 minutes, but one expected Canterbury to come back in the second half.

Alas, by then the visitors had given up all hope and Polonia suddenly started to look the team we saw at the start of the season.

Their players pushed the ball about with supreme confidence to score four more goals, with Jurek Drys netting in the 53rd, Janic in the 75th and Janduda twice to complete his hat-trick in the 70th and 77th.

The only consolation for Canterbury came from the boot of the Australian Youth international Zlatko Arambasic who converted a penalty after Rene Licata was brought down close to the goal line in the 56th.

Canterbury lost 12-0 to Inter Monaro last year to register a record loss by any club in the 1987 season. This time the Berries waited until the last round to register the biggest loss by any club in 1988.

**POLONIA: Thurlow, Pratt (Anderson), Robertson, Kulwicki, Lasek, Thompson, Sobczyk, James (Ossie Gomez), Drys, Janduda, Janic.**

**CANTERBURY: Mihas, Zervas, Radman, Hantzis, Millosourgis, Mickovski, Perdomo, Stamos (Licata), Arambasic, Kalogeras, Adamou.**

## Genc lifts Uruguayan

**AYTEK Genc was amongst the goal scorers again as Uruguay Penrith consolidated its top four position with a resounding 3-0 victory over Rockdale Ilinden at Cook Park last Sunday.**

Genc's superb drive from the edge of the penalty area in the 20th minute gave Uruguay Penrith a comfortable 2-0 first half lead and a morale-boosting win going into the play-offs next Sunday.

John Bradley opened the scoring 10 minutes into the first half following a fine run by Martin Bourke and John McKie. A shot by McKie saw the ball rebound to Bradley who scored from close range.

Ten minutes later an Adam Sandy cross saw Genc in full flight and his drive from the edge of the area gave Uruguay its 2-0 lead and Genc his 15th goal for the season.

Rockdale came back at the start of the second period and assumed control, pushing forward at every opportunity.

But its inept forwards threw away what chances came their way and Rockdale paid the price in the 74th minute.

David Batten, who came on for Bradley, was hardly in the action before racing past one defender and slamming a perfect 30 metre drive which surprised Keith Warren to give the home side an easy win.

**URUGUAY PENRITH: Hoare, O'Donnell, Thompson, Mathew Bourke, Gonzalez, Martin Bourke, Benitez, Bradley, Sandy, Genc, McKie.**

**ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Warren, Knight, G Wilson, Pilovski, Boogard, D Wilson, Lerond, Rodas, Koussas, Porter, Darlington.**

## FINAL NSW STATE LEAGUE TABLE

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blacktown City | 26 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 55 | 17 | 40 |
| Melita Eagles | 26 | 16 | 7 | 3 | 45 | 22 | 39 |
| Uruguay | 26 | 13 | 7 | 6 | 52 | 34 | 33 |
| Newcastle | 26 | 14 | 3 | 9 | 55 | 27 | 31 |
| Inter Monaro | 26 | 8 | 11 | 7 | 48 | 48 | 27 |
| Sutherland | 26 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 39 | 39 | 25 |
| Rockdale Ilinden | 26 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 32 | 39 | 25 |
| Canberra | 26 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 31 | 40 | 25 |
| Polonia | 26 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 50 | 43 | 23 |
| Freshwater | 26 | 5 | 11 | 10 | 31 | 40 | 21 |
| Ku-Ring-Gai | 26 | 4 | 12 | 10 | 26 | 43 | 20 |
| Canterbury | 26 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 34 | 55 | 20 |
| W'gong Mac | 26 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 23 | 50 | 19 |
| SSC Yugal | 26 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 29 | 52 | 16 |

## Demons win promotion

**BLACKTOWN City Demons, after a topsy-turvy season, will go back to the National League and coach Les Scheinflug can be well satisfied to have taken them back to the NSL a year ahead of promise.**

Scheinflug secured a three-year contract with the Demons, with the span of time designed to create a team that will not only be the best in the State League of NSW, but also competitive at National League level.

The national youth coach was a year ahead of his time as he strolled away from Kelly Park last Sunday with the knowledge that his team had repulsed Melita's challenge for the top spot.

And while Blacktown and Scheinflug celebrate, it is still not clear who will drop to the Second Division, if any one at all!

On top of that, the league is to be reformed into a more compact First and Second Division next season.

NSW did not lose a team in the NSL through relegation, hence only Blacktown departs, leaving a spot for the promoted team from the Second Division.

Should Yugal lose its place in the State League, then two clubs possibly could be promoted from the Second Division. Another notion tossed around is that Yugal could play off against Fairy Meadow who finished second on goal average to Avala in the Second Division.

And yet another combination looms up. Each team in the State League has applied for re-admission to the League. Six clubs appeared to have satisfied the criteria, while another eight are being examined by the Federation.

## Uruguay's top four

***URUGUAY cemented its top four spot after defeating Polonia 2-0 at Cook Park last Friday evening.***

*Aytek Genc put the home side ahead after 29 minutes from a melee close to the goal line to increase his personal tally to 14 goals for the season, while John McKie made sure of both points with a runaway effort in the 72nd minute.*

*Polonia, with only one success in the last 11 matches, showed glimpses of good form but could not sustain any semblance of attacking play for the entire 90 minutes.*

*Frustration showed out as six Polonia players, including the impeccable Henjek Sobczyk, received yellow cards during the match — and that is hardly Polonia's style.*

***URUGUAYAN PENRITH: Hoare, O'Donnell, Thompson, Mathew Bourke, Martin Bourke, Gonzalez, Benitez, Bradley, Sandy, Genc, McKie.***

***POLONIA: Thurlow, Chou, Robertson, Kulwicki, Lasek, Drys, Sobczyk (Gomez 46th), Thompson, Pratt Anderson 55th), Janduda, Janic.***

## Sharks in murky waters

**SUTHERLAND Shire suffered its third defeat in the last seven days when it went down to Canberra Croatia 2-1 at Seymour Shaw Park last Wednesday evening.**

Despite some spirited attack by the locals the ball just 'did not run' for them as their forwards raided Tony Giannasca's penalty area, hitting the woodwork on at least four occasions before losing the match in the last minute.

Tony Caban netted for Sutherland while Ian Murray and Tony Pangallo replied for the visitors.

**SUTHERLAND: Noffke, R O'Shea, Sellar, Hristodoulou, Hargraves, J O'Shea, Meades, Johnstone, Parsons, Weimers, Caban.**

**CANBERRA: Giannasca, Junna, Mazis, Floresse, Young, Bryant, Tansey, Sermani, Murray, Cole (Pangallo 15th), De Silva.**

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*Inter Monaro sweeper Angelo Ambrosino gets above a Uruguayan Penrith forward, but the ball eludes them both. Other Monaro defenders, from the left, are Joe Gagetti, Bruno Monterosso and Toplica Popovich. Uruguayan won the NSW League match, at Queanbeyan's Marco Polo Ground, 3-0.*

## Caban's double

**TONY Caban scored twice to give Sutherland Shire Sharks a 3-1 end-of-season victory over an inept Ku-ring-gai at Seymour Shaw Park last Sunday.**

The Westfield Soccer Sharks rebounded off some poor results in the past weeks to completely dominate proceedings and it was only some poor finishing coupled with an ounce or two of luck that kept the scoreline blank until two minutes from the break.

Then came a cross from Bruce Johnstone which appeared to find Andrew Lacey. Under challenge from Caban the ball fell loose and Caban managed to add a touch to give his side the lead.

Robert Sellar broke through seven minutes into the second period to provide a low cross and Caban raced forward to beat Lacey to the ball before turning it into the net, 2-0.

Micky Lardis completed the scoring for the home side in the 75th after being left unmarked well inside the penalty area.

Ku-ring-gai cut the arrears in the 82nd minute after Derek Ryan broke through only to be brought down by Craig Burchmore. Mike Berry made no mistake from the penalty spot.

Lardis appeared to have scored in the 90th, but the goal was disallowed after the linesman flagged for a handball by a Sutherland player moments before the ball had found the net.

**SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, R O'Shea, Sellar, Ensor, Burrows, J O'Shea, Meades, Johnstone, Lardis, Parsons, Caban.**

**KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Gough, Petkovski, Pepper, Cowley, Bow, Ryan, Berry, Volloder, Jeffery, Bass.**

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## Yugal in trouble

***BY GRAHAM COOKE***

**YUGAL, already doomed to relegation, ended its one-season stay in the First Division in chaos against Canberra Croatia at Deakin Oval on Sunday.**

**With three minutes of ordinary time remaining, the team fell below the minimum seven players required to continue, and referee Gorden Dunster abandoned the match.**

**At that stage Canberra led 2-1.**

**It was an extraordinary finish to what was really a very ordinary game. Three send-offs and two injuries requiring the players to leave the field would indicate an encounter of some passion — in fact, there was little to stir excitement among the 430-strong crowd.**

**Croatia hit the front after 11 minutes. The Yugal defence watched a long, curling cross from Lino Fiorese curl on into the net.**

**The lead lasted just three minutes. Jim Ziras took a corner, the ball fell to Jim McBreen who hooked it past Anthony Giannasca from close range.**

**George Kulscar saved a likely second when he whisked the ball off the feet of Chris Card with Giannasca beaten, then Yugal's problems began in earnest when Anthony Funjic was sent off for a dangerous tackle.**

**Robert Harmat followed him on the stroke of half-time when he upended Colin Junna in the penalty area, but Steve Bryant sent the spot-kick wide.**

**With nine men, Yugal's only hope lay in holding on to a point, but that disappeared in the 56th minute when Ray Junna collected the ball, fooled the defence into thinking he was going to pass and instead blasted a shot past Paul Kiprianoz into the corner of the net for one of the better goals scored by his team this season.**

**The game was reduced to a farce when defender Goran Pavlovic went down after a tackle and was helped from the field.**

**Within three minutes he was joined by Ziras, victim of a pulled hamstring.**

**By now, Yugal's defence had more holes than a collender and Tony Pangallo burst through with the ball at his feet looking for his second goal in as many matches.**

**Kiprianou challenged, Pangallo went flying and Dunster reached once again for the red cards.**

**He checked to see if either Pavlovic or Ziras was ready to return — neither was — then abandoned the game.**

**CANBERRA CROATIA: Giannasca, R Junna, Mazis, Floresse, Young, Bryant, Kulscar,(Alexandrakos 84) Sermanni, Murray, C Junna (Pangallo 73rd). Tanzey. YUGAL: Kiprianou (sent off 87th), Nikiforis, Harmat (sent off 45th), Tomasic (Pettenon 69th), Pavlovic, Ziras, Card, Diuljak (Grujic 73rd) Sunjic (sent off 34th) Watson, McBreen.**

## Newcastle-Uruguay

**NEWCASTLE Austral will contest the sudden-death elimination game against Uruguay Penrith at Melita Stadium next Sunday, with Newcastle Austral youth team playing in a curtain-raiser against Sutherland Shire.**

After some poor results at the start of the season, Newcastle has surprised most observers in the League with its fine results in 1988.

The Austral club can proudly boast two sides in the play-offs, on par with the high-flying Blacktown City and Melita Eagles.

I fancy Sutherland to win the sudden-death elimination game against Newcastle Austral, but must go for the Austral in the main game against Uruguay Penrith.

# Naumov hero for Blacktown

**BLACKTOWN City is on its way back to the National League after defeating Wollongong Macedonia 1-0 at Kelly Park with Bobby Naumov scoring the all-important goal.**

The Demons laboured against a very strong wind and a determined Macedonia outfit in the first half and were lucky not to have been a goal down.

Vince Nastoski, the stylish Wollonong midfielder, created havoc with some dazzling skills and superb through-passes which had Blacktown defence stretched.

He created an early chance for Bernie Godzik but the Wollongong striker hesitated and in the end lost to Jason Dunn.

Nastoski came close soon after and, following a corner kick, his shot failed to match his general play when he blasted well over the bar.

During this period Wollongong keeper John Krajnovic had only one save to make from a fierce effort by Paul Kay, while Zarko Odzakov produced a free-kick which created some confusion close to halftime.

Apart from that, Blacktown looked nervous and subdued for most of the first 45 minutes.

With the wind at their backs, the visitors came forward and looked menacing early with Naumov netting after 52 minutes.

Some Odzakov free kicks and corners aided by a swirling wind made life difficult for Krajnovic and the Wollongong defence while the home side's attack fell to bits.

A rasping Ralph Maier drive midway through the second half had Krajnovic stretching while Naumov almost scored his second close to full time, but failed to find the target from close-range.

**WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Krajnovic, Ainger, Campbell, Sweeney, Berringer, Nastoski, Popovski, Godzik, Hughes, Slaveski, Giraldi.**

**BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson, L Sterrey, G Sterrey, Dunn, Northam, Odzakov, Kay, Maier, Thornthwaite, Naumov, Reis.**

# The 'Gong survives

**WOLLONGONG Macedonia made sure of its place in the State League for 1989 with an easy 0-0 draw against Warringah Freshwater at Towradgi last Wednesday evening.**

It was a game Macedonia could not afford to lose with Yugal only two points behind on the league table and one game against the League leaders Blacktown remaining.

And the home side applied correct tactics, having some nine and even ten players behind the ball at most times.

It was hardly a spectacle for the small band of faithful supporters but it bore fruit — one point that was required for safety in the top football competition in NSW.

**WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Krajnovic, Sweeney, Campbell, Berringer, Nastoski, Ainger, Wellbourn, Giraldi, Slaveski, Godzik, Hughes,**

# Newcastle pressed by Warringah

***NEWCASTLE Austral subdued Warringah Freshwater 2-1 at the Austral Park last Sunday.***

*But it was far from a convincing victory as Warringah displayed some tough and uncompromising football.*

*Scott Baillie surprised the visitors to notch his first goal of the season in the 43rd minute.*

*And Newcastle made sure of both points after Brett Porter scored in the 64th.*

*John Pillemer cut the scoreline to 2-1 but the locals staved off any threat in the closing stages.*

***NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL: Carter, Achurch, Baillie, Devon, Tredinnick, Bowen (Virgilli), Bland, Porter, Bailey, Holden (Tonks), Jones.***

***WARRINGAH: Tingle, Pierce, Pearse, McCue, Dean, McCabe, Campbell, Etherington, Corrigan, Pillemer, Stuart.***

# Sparks fly at Melita Stadium

**MELITA Eagles came from behind to defeat Inter Monaro 2-1 in a spiteful encounter at Melita Stadium which saw five Inter players booked and one sent off.**

Melita had to win to have any chance of slipping past Blacktown City and its attacking attitude was quickly displayed as the Red and Whites stormed Inter Monaro's goal from all angles.

Lenny Vial almost put Melita on the scoreboard in the opening minute as Greg Brown stormed through on the left flank before cutting his cross low into the penalty area. Vial was inches short of connecting.

Brown continued to look menacing and came close with his drive in the 16th minute before getting even closer in the 22nd. Jemal Meerbani and Hugo Jimenez combined to set up Vial who found an unmarked Brown at the far end of the penalty area but his shot went well over the bar.

Storming forward, Melita's Ean Rodriguez lost possession to Sebastian Giampaolo who strode forward to round Craig Williams before facing Alex McPherson. The Inter Monaro star managed to skirt around the keeper only to be brought down and Attilio Carbone made no mistake from the resultant spot kick to give the visitors an unexpected lead.

Williams came close in the 33rd minute with his header from a Brown cross before Melita equalised from yet another penalty. Jimenez was brought down and Brown was called upon to convert.

Brown came close in the 58th minute hitting the crossbar while Ray Farrugia slammed the rebound well over the top.

Inter came back through Njegos Popovic and Giampaolo a few minutes later, but the Monaro forward skied his shot. In the 64th a Giampaolo through-ball found Vic Fernandez with some space, but his drive was well saved by McPherson.

Anthony Versi missed a sitter in the 74th, then came the decider a minute later. Brown was brought down and the star Melita striker buried the third spot kick.

Craig Alchin was sent off in the closing minutes after receiving a yellow card for an offence in the first period. Angelo Ambrosino and Giampaolo also received cautions as tempers flared during the second half.

**MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Rodriguez, Meerbani, Williams, Robertson, Barrios, Vial, Farrugia, Versi, Jimenez, Brown.**

**INTER MONARO: Gunning, Monterosso, T Popovic, Gaggetti, Alchin (sent-off 85th), Carbone, Fernandez, N Popovic, Brennan, Ambrosino, Giampaolo.**

**U/19's**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Melita E. | 26 | 21 | 4 | 1 | 71 | 17 | 46 |
| Blacktown | 26 | 20 | 4 | 2 | 87 | 15 | 44 |
| Sutherland | 26 | 18 | 5 | 3 | 59 | 26 | 41 |
| Newcastle | 26 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 53 | 34 | 34 |
| Rockdale | 26 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 41 | 36 | 26 |
| Polonia | 26 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 33 | 38 | 26 |
| Inter | 26 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 42 | 47 | 25 |
| Ku-ring-gai | 26 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 27 | 33 | 24 |
| Freshwater | 26 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 25 | 40 | 23 |
| Canterbury | 26 | 7 | 7 | 12 | 49 | 57 | 21 |
| Macedonia | 26 | 6 | 6 | 14 | 33 | 57 | 18 |
| Uruguay | 26 | 5 | 7 | 14 | 23 | 47 | 17 |
| SSC Yugal | 26 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 21 | 61 | 10 |
| Canberra | 26 | 2 | 5 | 19 | 28 | 84 | 9 |


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Hammondville Oval

**SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER**
1.00 p.m. Rooty Hill W'Utd vs Baulkham Hills
Popondetta Park
3.00 p.m. Dulwich Hill vs Moorebank
Popondetta Park

## INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION

**SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER**
1.00 p.m. Padstow Park vs Rangers Hajduk
Valentine Park 1
3.00 p.m. Pagewood Botany vs Nineveh Eagles
Valentine Park 1
1.00 p.m. Rosebery vs Eastwood
Valentine Park 2
3.00 p.m. Rosebery vs Rangers Hajduk
Valentine Park 2

## INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION

**SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER**
1.00 p.m. Greenisland vs Cyprus United
Valentine Park 1
3.00 p.m. Trasandinos vs Fairfield Kiev
Valentine Park 1
1.00 p.m. Blacktown Wand's vs Concord Jrs
Valentine Park 2
3.00 p.m. Greenisland vs Cyprus United
Valentine Park 2

## INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION

**SATURDAY 3RD DIVISION**
1.00 p.m. Mt Pritchard vs Abruzzi
Valentine Park 1
3.00 p.m. Colo Colo vs Hellas
Valentine Park 1
1.00 p.m. Arncliffe vs Murray Farm
Valentine Park 2
3.00 p.m. SSC Zagreb vs Arncliffe
Valentine Park 2

## INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION

**SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER**
1.00 p.m. Belmore Hercules vs Liverpool Oly
Valentine Park 1
3.00 p.m. GNS United vs Cobreloa
Valentine Park 1
1.00 p.m. GNS United vs Maccabi
Valentine Park 2
3.00 p.m. Belmore Hercules vs Syd Lebanon
Valentine Park 2

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# Victoria's race to the wire

BY GREG BLAKE

**THE Victorian State League title race will go right down to the wire.**

If club officials agree on nothing else, the consensus is that the 1988 State League championship is likely to be decided on the very last weekend of the season.

Come September 25, one of seven clubs is to be crowned as Victorian champion — that is all we can be sure of.

Thomastown and former NSL club Heidelberg are almost equal favourites, but it would be foolish to write off the likes of Caulfield, St Albans, Green Gully, and even Northcote and Croydon City at this stage.

Anything can, and probably will, happen over the closing month of one of the most exciting seasons in State League history.

Here ASW previews the final desperate race for the 1988 State League title.

## HEIDELBERG

**Odds for title:** 6/4 (fav)

**Club Verdict:** (coach Terry Hennessey) "Any team can beat any other team and we've just got to keep our heads and keep going.

"The situation at the moment is that we are the only team that — if we win all our remaining games — can win the league. The other plus is our goal difference.

"At the moment it is a question of whether we want it enough."

**ASW's Verdict:** The rightful favourite because it has the players and the resources to become an NSL power again and the desire to achieve that goal is a driving force.

**Games remaining:** West Subs (h), Polonia (h), Croydon (Ol. Park), Box Hill (a), Northcote (h).

**Key Players:** Yakka Banovic and Willie Raynes.

## THOMASTOWN

**Odds:** 2/1

**Club Verdict:** (coach Bill Murray) "I don't think it will be won until the very last game and, although we've come into contention, there are still six other teams in with a chance.

"Some teams have games in hand, but we're happy to have the points on the board and we'll just take it game by game to give ourselves the best chance possible.

"The next few weeks are vital."

**ASW's Verdict:** A remarkably consistent performer in recent months and certainly by no means a title dark-horse any longer. Thomastown is aiming for the NSL and that should spur the players in the coming weeks.

**Games remaining:** Springvale (a), West Subs (a), Croydon (h), Morwell Falcons (a).

**Key Players:** Victor Cristaldo and Andy Higgins.

## GREEN GULLY

**Odds:** 5/2

**Club Verdict:** (president Ray O'Shannessy) "The experts are saying that we will probably be struggling to win the league from here. Certainly,a crop of injuries has depleted the squad.

"If we don't win the league we'll certainly make the top four".

**ASW's Verdict:** Not out of it by any means, but would probably like a few more games on their own windswept paddock where they are hard to beat. Gully has games in hand and plenty of experience to call on.

**Games remaining:** Polonia (a), Croydon (a), Box Hill (h), Northcote (a), Bulleen (a), Ringwood (h).

**Key Players:** Colin Quigley and Stuart Cannell.

## ST ALBANS

**Odds:** 5/2

**Club Verdict:** (coach Tony Vrzina) "Heidelberg has the experience of the NSL and no-one can match that unless they mess it up themselves. But it is still anyone's race, and we have a couple of games in hand.

"For us the next couple of weeks are make-or-break and I'm hoping we don't regret the decision not to buy a couple of players before the transfer deadline closed."

**ASW's Verdict:** Has lost some important games recently and that immediately places a question mark against any championship aspirations. Has also lost some experienced players in the course of the season.

**Games remaining:** Croydon (h), Norwell Falcons (a), Northcote (a), Bulleen (h), Oakleigh (a), Caulfield (a).

**Key Players:** Ivan Kelic and Ivan Duzel.

## CAULFIELD CITY

**Odds:** 4/1

**Club Verdict:** (coach Jim Condilis) "It's very hard to make predictions and certainly when I took over I decided not to make any comments about winning the league, etc.

"We are in with a chance, but losing players with injury has affected our confidence in recent weeks."

**ASW's Verdict:** Still very much a dark-horse in the race. An unpredictable team which is capable of plenty if it can put a run together.

**Games remaining:** Northcote (a), Ringwood (h), Oakleigh (a), St Albans (h).

**Key players:** Paul Harris and Phil Griffin.

## NORTHCOTE CITY

**Odds:** 8/1

**Club Verdict:** (secretary Harry Paraskevas) "To be honest, I believe our best chance is the top four. Heidelberg is the title favourite, and I really don't think we're in a good enough position to win the championship."

**ASW's Verdict:** Certainly a chance for the finals, but a recent slump, and the loss of coach Roy McLaren, have damaged its championship hopes.

Carl Gilder will have a job lifting them above the likes of Heidelberg.

**Games remaining:** Caulfield (h), Fawkner (a), St Albans (h), Green Gully (h), Heidelberg (a).

**Key players:** Martin Woodall and Carl Gilder.

## CROYDON CITY

**Odds:** 10/1

**Club Verdict:** (coach Miron Bleiberg) "I still believe we need 29 points to be safe from relegation, so neither myself or the players are even thinking in terms of the championship.

"If we get the points, we might start thinking about the title and I suppose the race is still wide open. We have yet to play most of the clubs still in contention, so our fate is in our own hands."

**ASW's Verdict:** Scoring goals has been a headache all year and that major problem will be decisive in the tough games on the run home.

**Games remaining:** St Albans (a), Green Gully (h), Springvale (h), Heidelberg (a), Thomastown (a), Polonia (h), West Subs (h).

**Key Players:** Mirko Runje and Dave McIntosh.

*Northcote's Chris Bekiaris slide-tackles Bulleen's Joe DiAmico in the course of last weekend's 1-1 draw — CARMELO BAZZANO.*

## VICTORIA

### STATE RESERVES

Morwell Falcons 3 Ringwood City 2
Bulleen 3 Northcote 0
Caulfield City 3 Box Hill 0
Fawkner 3 Maribyrnong 0
Green Gully 1 Heidelberg Utd 1
Thomastown 0 St Albans 3
Western Suburbs 2 Springvale C 0

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fawkner | 18 | 2 | 5 | 68 | 31 | 38 |
| Northcote City | 16 | 6 | 2 | 58 | 22 | 38 |
| Bulleen | 13 | 7 | 5 | 58 | 35 | 33 |
| St Albans | 13 | 6 | 6 | 44 | 39 | 32 |
| Green Gully | 13 | 4 | 9 | 58 | 41 | 30 |
| Caulfield City | 13 | 4 | 8 | 54 | 38 | 30 |
| Morwell Falcons | 11 | 5 | 10 | 45 | 37 | 27 |
| Heidelberg Utd | 10 | 6 | 9 | 51 | 43 | 26 |
| Box Hill | 11 | 4 | 11 | 50 | 45 | 26 |
| Ringwood City | 9 | 8 | 7 | 55 | 51 | 26 |
| Thomastown | 8 | 6 | 10 | 46 | 60 | 22 |
| Croydon City | 8 | 5 | 9 | 44 | 36 | 21 |
| Western Suburbs | 8 | 4 | 14 | 35 | 67 | 20 |
| Maribyrnong | 7 | 1 | 17 | 38 | 66 | 15 |
| Springvale City | 4 | 3 | 18 | 27 | 58 | 11 |
| Oakleigh | 0 | 1 | 22 | 21 | 83 | 1 |

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Broadmeadows 0 Essendon City 0
Altona Gate 0 Frankston Pines 0
Albion 0 Nunawading City 1
Knox City 0 Mooroolbark 1
Dandenong 4 Richmond 2
Sunbury United 0 Werribee 2
Westgate 2 Mordialloc 2

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| Altona Gate | 13 | 7 | 2 | 36 | 7 | 33 |
| Frankston Pines | 14 | 4 | 4 | 41 | 22 | 32 |
| Mooroolbark | 12 | 3 | 7 | 39 | 26 | 27 |
| Westgate | 10 | 5 | 6 | 37 | 22 | 25 |
| Werribee | 8 | 8 | 6 | 31 | 27 | 24 |
| Broadmeadows | 7 | 10 | 5 | 20 | 17 | 24 |
| Nunawading City | 10 | 3 | 9 | 29 | 30 | 23 |
| Mordialloc | 7 | 9 | 6 | 27 | 28 | 23 |
| Albion | 9 | 4 | 9 | 28 | 23 | 22 |
| Essendon City | 7 | 8 | 7 | 23 | 25 | 22 |
| Knox City | 9 | 3 | 9 | 29 | 31 | 21 |
| Richmond | 5 | 3 | 14 | 21 | 56 | 13 |
| Dandenong | 3 | 4 | 15 | 16 | 38 | 10 |
| Sunbury United | 2 | 3 | 17 | 12 | 37 | 7 |

### RESERVES

Broadmeadows 0 Essendon City 4
Altona Gate 1 Frankston Pines 1
Albion 1 Nunawading City 0
Knox City 3 Mooroolbark 2
Dandenong 15 Richmond 0
Sunbury United 2 Werribee 3
Westgate 1 Mordialloc 1

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dandenong | 14 | 7 | 1 | 62 | 19 | 35 |
| Mooroolbark | 14 | 3 | 4 | 39 | 22 | 31 |
| Altona Gate | 12 | 5 | 4 | 55 | 30 | 29 |
| Essendon City | 11 | 4 | 6 | 45 | 32 | 26 |
| Werribee | 9 | 6 | 5 | 44 | 39 | 24 |
| Broadmeadows | 8 | 6 | 6 | 49 | 35 | 22 |
| Albion | 7 | 6 | 6 | 27 | 27 | 20 |
| Knox City | 8 | 2 | 9 | 30 | 32 | 18 |
| Frankston Pines | 4 | 9 | 9 | 30 | 38 | 17 |
| Richmond | 5 | 6 | 11 | 33 | 59 | 16 |
| Mordialloc | 6 | 3 | 12 | 36 | 54 | 15 |
| West Gate | 3 | 7 | 9 | 28 | 40 | 13 |
| Sunbury United | 3 | 6 | 13 | 19 | 43 | 12 |
| Nunawading City | 4 | 4 | 13 | 11 | 38 | 12 |

# Bergers slump again

**RECENTLY deposed league leaders Heidelberg faultered for the second week in succession, this time going down 2-3 to a revved-up Green Gully outfit.**

Green Gully are in with a big chance to steal the title now that Heidelberg and current leaders Thomastown are dropping crucial points.

The big clash opened at a blistering pace and only "slowed" to a fast pace.

Gully always looked to have the edge in this frenetic battle and, in fact, led 3-0 with only seven minutes remaining.

Colin Quigley opened the score with a 25-metre screamer and Joe O'Donnell stretched the lead with a headed goal from a Steve Farquarhson centre early in the second half.

Steve Douglas made it 3-0 with a rebound after his initial attempt was parried by Yakka Banovic.

Heidelberg went for broke in the last seven minutes and almost stole a point.

Con Pappas scored a close-range goal; then Willie Raynes converted a penalty in a dramatic finish.

Claude Lucchesi found the back of the net as referee Grant blew the final whistle, but Grant ruled "no-goal", raising the ire of Heidelberg.

**GREEN GULLY:** Sant, Farquarson, Grimaud, Cutler, Cannell, Quigley (Milankovic), Wilson, McLelland, O'Donnell, Douglas, Smart (Napoli).

**HEIDELBERG:** Banovic, Patiniotis, Dowie (Pappas), Ousaikas, Kanesoulis (Illiopoulos), Valentine, Lucchesi, O'Dell, Stubbins, Morovic, Raynes.

# Lukic the Saviour

**BULLEEN's hopes of avoiding relegation in its first State League season is in the hands of former Footscray veteran Zdravko Lujic, who turned in another fine performance for Bulleen in a 1-1 draw against Northcote last Saturday.**

Lujic is the key to Bulleen's attack and it showed against Northcote as he set up his team's best three chances of the day in a disappoitning game.

Lujic, the creator, made Bulleen's 13th minute opener for Fab Angele, but it was Northcote, inspired by new player-coach Carl Gilder, which could have taken the match.

Martin Woodall grabbed the equaliser 22 minutes from time for the visitors with a fine goal which lifted Northcote into a desperate late bid for victory.

**BULLEEN:** Contini, Marsan, Krajacic, Curulli, Curcio, Avian, Angele, Ruccia, Di Amico (Boarotto), Bozikas, Lujic.

**Northcote:** Turudia, N. Constantinou, Leonardos (Ramos), Kouremenous, Palmaricciotti, Woodall, Gymnopoulos, Gilder, Bekiaris, P. Constantinou (J. Constantinou), Manou.

— GREG BLAKE

# Perplexing Polonia

**FAWKNER kept its slight survival hopes alive with a commanding 3-1 victory over enigmatic Polonia at Smith's Reserve last Sunday.**

A dominant first half and a double-strike from recent Irish import David Hannah shot down any hopes of winning the skillful Polonia side harboured in this important relegation duel.

At the 20th minute mark, a nice move down the left started by Rino Minniciello finished positively after big Rob Ferla's shot was parried to opportunist Hannah for the opening goal.

Just before half time, veteran striker Doug Brown tucked away a close-range goal, making amends for a missed opportunity moments earlier.

After halftime, Polonia enjoyed a 20-minute spell of dominance and managed to peg one goal back through ever-alert striker Greg Warszawski, but it was in vain because Hannah rounded off a good personal performance with a late goal to seal Polonia's fate.

**FAWKNER:** Wilson, Walsh, Schipano, Ferla, Ciavelli, Cullen (Sabatino), Hennessey, Stenson (Traikovski), Minniacello, Hannah, Brown.

POLONIA: Kostrzewa, Liparski, Smolarek, Innes, Mila, Watson, DeBono (Temos), Lakic, Bonk, Warszawski, Baran.

# Croydon storming home

***TITLE-ASPIRANTS Croydon City easily accounted for relegation-bound Oakleigh, winning 3-0 in an open, flowing game at Town Park last Sunday.***

*Croydon came out with all guns blazing to take a 1-0 lead via an Andy Humble header.*

*At the third attempt, Croydon's Nick Van Egmond made it 2-0 with a deflected goal shot from outside the area.*

*Veteran striker Graham French out-leaped Oakleigh keeper Spiro Kardamitsis to head home a fine third goal in the 55th minute, thus giving his side an unsurmountable lead.*

*Croydon did all the hard work and decided to relax in the last 20 minutes, allowing Oakleigh to come within scoring range.*

*Peter Zagoudis and Jimmy Ross hit the post for Oakleigh in a late flurry, but the result was never in doubt.*

*After the game, Croydon coach Miron Bleiburg said: "At the moment my players are hungry and fresh, and if we continue this form we will give the championship a big shake."*

***CROYDON:** Bradley, Langsbury, R. Runje, Dobson, Brown, Van Egmond, Campbell, French (Field 76'), Middlemast (Brack 66'), G. Runje, Humble.*

***OAKLEIGH:** Kandamitsis, Gotis, Crutzmacher, Haidaris, Henderson (Ross h.t.), Livingstone, Halford, Stamatis, Gorst (Nicolaides 65'), Zagoudis, Kondos.*

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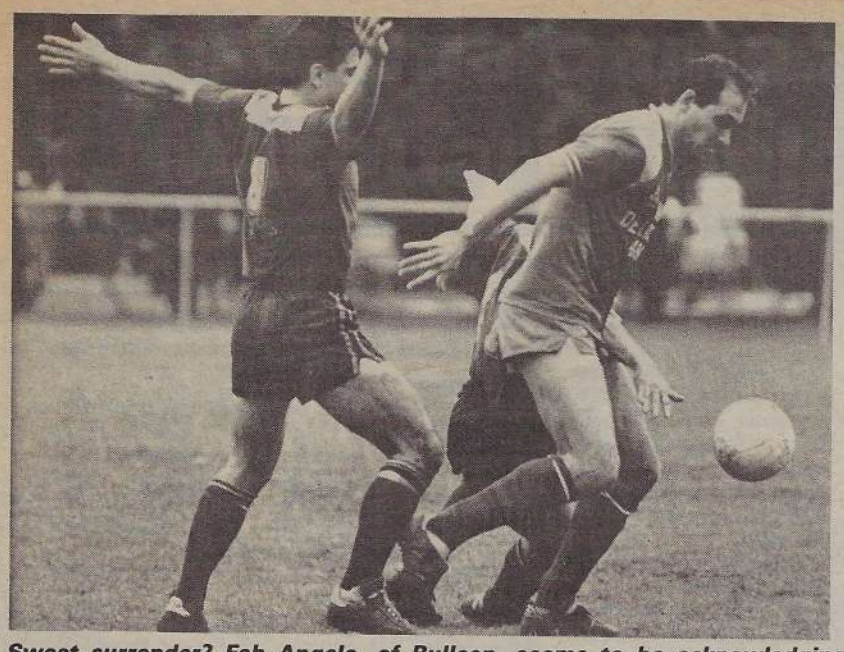

*Sweet surrender? Fab Angele, of Bulleen, seems to be acknowledging Chris Manou's "victory" in this man-to-man duel against promotion contender Northcote — pic by CARMELO BAZZANO.*

# Woeful Wests

**SPRINGVALE CITY edged a little further away from the relegation zone with a typically desperate performance to knock off lowly Western Suburbs 1-0.**

After two consecutive good results over higher-placed teams, Western Suburbs supporters started to believe their side was a good chance to survive in the State League, but hopes were dashed last weekend.

Springvale inflicted the killer blow after seven minutes "thanks" to an error in judgement by Wests keeper Rocky Tachiris.

Eddie Bell took a swipe from 35 metres, keeper Tachiris had a good sight of it, but took his eyes off the ball for a brief moment and, consequently, paid the price as he was substituted immediately for the mistake.

The game was a very tough affair and not much of a spectacle as both teams' danger men were marked right out of the match.

**WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachiris (Hatzilazarou), Kondouris, Hamill, Pender, Esposito, Kagiglou, Metaxos, Dimovski, Markovski (Williams), Daley, Tuck.**

**SPRINGVALE: Hermus, Reilly, Bissinger, Adams, Bothwell, Findlay, Livingstone, Bozic, Whyte, Bell, Bryden (Rolleman).**

# No stopping St Albans!

**THOMASTOWN retained league leadership despite going down 0-1 to a relentless title-chasing St Albans in a bitterly-fought game which thrilled the vocal northern suburbs crowd.**

Referee Michael Kondogiannis was handing out cautions like hot cakes in the fiery encounter which threatened to burn out of control on several occasions, but thankfully cooler heads prevailed and the game went off without a hitch.

St Albans had slightly more of the ball in the first half, but Thomastown carved out the clearest chance when striker Bobby McGuinness hit a wicked free-kick from 20 metres, forcing a brilliant save from Mate Grgic, who palmed over the cross-bar whilst airborne.

In rain-swept conditions, it was always going to be difficult to score goals or even create clear chances, but the adverse weather in no way detracted from the spectacle.

Early in the second half, Thomastown looked the more likely to score with a collective rush towards the St Ablans goalmouth.

Norm Dougherty and Paul Lewis forced goal-line clearances after great individual runs down their respective wings. Victor Cristaldo bullocked his way into the area after a fine zig-zag run, but his final throughball found Paul Lewis in a off-side position.

St Albans weathered the early second-half storm to fight back and create some chances of its own.

Veteran midfielder Branko Culina was proving menacing with some delightful ball control.

A beautiful low centre from the left by Culina found a diving Kelic, but his attempt was palmed clear by the fully out-streched keeper Zoran Janakievski.

Only minutes later, Ivan Kelic made no mistake with one of the few clear chances of the match when he delicately looped a header over the despairing Janakievski's head from close range to seal a thrilling St Albans victory.

**THOMASTOWN: Janakievski, Mihailidis, McMillan, Pianalto, Higgins, Cristaldo, Carfora (Di Martino 73'), Dougherty, Athersych, McGuinness, Lewis.**

**ST ALBANS: Grgic, Dragovic, Macasevic, Colina, Gagula, Kupresak, Susnjara, Duzel, Kelic, Culina, Rastocic.**

# Ringwood relieved

**RINGWOOD CITY climbed out of the relegation zone once again after a hard-fought 2-0 victory over fellow-strugglers Morwell Falcons at Crinigan Road last Saturday.**

Falcons have only managed to pick up four points in the past eight weeks to plunge deeply into troubled waters and now face a daunting task.

Ringwood opened the scoring after six minutes, courtesy of some casual defensive play. A string of passes in the Morwell defence ended in disaster. Gerry Clarke hit a sloppy pass which was meant for Manny Gotis, but alert striker Peter Cocker intercepted the ball to easily give Ringwood the lead.

Two minutes later, Morwell striker John Sokoluk beat keeper Ric Janssan on two occasions with consecutive headers but the post and a diving clearance off the line from Nolan denied the Falcons any glory.

Ringwood continued to soak up Morwell's pressure well and proceeded to counter-attack with purpose.

Moments after half-time, Ringwood's speedy front-runner John Nijholt earned his side a penalty after being impeded by Gerry Clarke. Michel Maguire converted from the spot to end the Latrobe Valley team's misery.

**MORWELL: Reynolds, Clarke, Bruns, M. Gotis (O'Callaghan 70'), Bingham, Doyle, Webster, Cassar, Drakeford (Stirton 75'), Sokoluk, Ashwood.**

**RINGWOOD: Janssan, Wemyss, May, Verniers, Nolan, Cumming, Corvan, Maguire, Cocker, Whytehouse (Nijholt 46'), Lapere.**

# Hillmen on the skids

**COURTESY of some favourable results in Round 26, Caulfield City have re-entered the championship race after a convincing 3-1 hiding of Box Hill.**

Box Hill's loss was only its second in 11 weeks, but as a result they stumbled back into relegation territory after a brief taste of safety.

Caulfield had no problems disposing of an unusually disorganised Box Hill, who resisted feebly.

Central defender Paul Harris converted from the spot to give Caulfield the lead after Craig Davidson handled in the area.

Soon after, nippy striker Nick Deligiannis made it 2-0 with a goal involving Eddie Zolaterov and young sensation Aki Alagiozidis.

Bruno Cozzella headed in number three from an Alagiozidis cross towards the end.

A "soft" penalty decision by referee Torben Sorenson allowed Stuart McArthur to give the Hillmen a consolation goal minutes before the conclusion.

Box Hill have personnel and relegation worries to contend with: midfielder Mick Hanley is doubtful for next week with a hamstring injury; George Campbell is suspended for a week, and clever defender Mark Aretis leaves for Greece this week to try his luck over there, and will miss the rmainder of the season.

**CAULFIELD: Madjer, Abraam, Filipou, Fattore, Harris, Alagiozidis, Griffin (Hamakiotis 74'), Zolaterev, Theoharous, Cozzella, Deligiannis.**

**BOX HILL: McKinlay, McArthur, Davidson, Hanley, Roodhouse, Burton, Campbell (sent off), (McAleer 75'), McDead, Thomas, McBride, Aretis.**

## Stop Press. . .Stop Press. . .Stop Press. . .

***JUST as ASW was set to go to press our Melbourne office was hit with the news that TERRY HENNESSEY will be replaced as coach at Heidelberg by JIM TANSEY. More information in following issues of Australia's first, biggest and best Soccer publication.***

## STATE LEAGUE'S NEW DATES

**THE outstanding Victorian State League championship games have been re-arranged as follows:**

- **Wed. Sept. 7 — Croydon City v Green Gully (ko 7.30)**
- **Wed. Sept. 14 — Fawkner v Bulleen (ko 6.30); Northcote City v St Albans (ko 6.30); Heidelberg v Croydon City (ko 8pm at Olympic Park)**
- **Wed. Sept 21 — Bulleen v Green Gully (ko 6.30); Oakleigh v St Albans (ko 6.30)**
- **Thurs. Sept 22 (Melb Show Day) — Croydon v Polonia (ko 8pm)**

**All games on the grounds of first named clubs unless otherwise noted.**

## Victorian State League

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| Thomastown | 13 | 6 | 7 | 34 | 26 | 32 |
| Heidelberg | 13 | 5 | 7 | 45 | 28 | 31 |
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| Fawkner | 7 | 6 | 12 | 20 | 28 | 20 |
| Oakleigh | 5 | 5 | 15 | 20 | 38 | 15 |

## Results

MORWELL FALCONS 0 RINGWOOD CITY 2 (Cocker, Maguire pen) BULLEEN 1 (Angele) NORTHCOTE CITY 1 (Woodall) CAULFIELD 3 (Harris, Deligiannis, Cozzella) BOX HILL 1 (McArthur pen) CROYDON 3 (Humble, Van Egmond, French) OAKLEIGH 0 FAWKNER 3 (Hannah 2, Brown) POLONIA 1 (Warszawski) GREEN GULLY 3 (Quigley, O'Donnell, Douglas) HEIDELBERG 2 (Pappas, Raynes) WESTERN SUBURBS 0 SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Bell) THOMASTOWN 0 ST ALBANS 1 (Kelic).

## Top Scorers

14: I. Kelic (St Albans)
12: D. Tuck (Western Suburbs)
11: D. Morovic (Heidelberg), M. Woodall (Northcote), G. Warszawski (Polonia)
10: J. Nijholt (Ringwood)
9: A. Goutzioulis (Caulfield)
8: J. O'Donnell (G. Gully), S. Brimmer (Box Hill), D. Brown (Fawkner)
7: K. Carfora (Thomastown), J. Anastasiadis (H'berg), B. McGuinness (Thomastown), C. Quigley (G. Gully), G. French (Croydon).

**GAMES THIS WEEK**
**STATE LEAGUE RD 26 — SAT SEPTEMBER 3:**
Oakleigh v Morwell Falcons, St Albans v Croydon City.
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4:**
Northcote v Caulfield, Ringwood v Bulleen, Heidelberg v West Suburbs, Polonia v Green Gully, Box Hill v Fawkner, Springvale v Thomastown.

# Sunshine sheds loser's tag

***BY GREG BLAKE***

**SUNSHINE George Cross didn't make the top five and on that score the year has been a great disappointment.**

But one suspects the club might have thrown off its perennial loser tag once and for all.

For the rag-tag bunch of cast-offs and youngsters bought together under the astute coaching of John Gardiner it has been a chance to establish themselves as handy NSL players in their own right.

One such player has been goalkeeper Sean Keogh, who admits to being "pretty pleased" with his own season.

"I think this year I was more consistent and I contributed more in each game," says the former Juventus custodian.

"As for the team, I think we proved during the year that we could more than hold our own, but we just went through a bad patch at the wrong time."

"We didnt't take our opportunities (to secure a place in the finals)."

Sunshine's failure to live up to its downtrodden image surprised everyone, even the club faithful it seems.

But missing the play-offs by a whisker is not success by anyone's standards.

"Perhaps, subconsciously we knew that even if we didn't make the top five, we'd done well," Keogh says.

"But by that I don't mean that near enough is good enough. I think it just came as something of a shock that we were in such a good position and that we had the inside running for fifth place.

"We hadn't been there before and we didn't know how to handle it.

"This year was strange for us in that respect. We just barely survived last year and after losing 6-0 in our first game, we were everyone's tip to be relegated.

"I'm not saying missing the finals was good, it's just that what we achieved in the end was very pleasing.

"We've consolidated our place in the league and next year we can build on that and go in believing we are one of the stronger teams in the competition," Keogh concluded.


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# Our finicky referees

Commentary
LOU GAUTIER

**WHY do Australian referees still cling to their antiquated, dictatorial "no-coaching" edict?**

Coaches, managers and even physios all over the world are allowed to encroach on the sidelines to give instructions and to tend to their players without even being noticed.

No referee anywhere else struts about as majestically, admonishing the "guilty" as some of our whimsical whistlers.

Our referees get positively hysterical when an "outsider" muscles in on what they consider their exclusive turf.

Referees world-wide seem to share my long-held belief that intelligent, constructive instructions from the sidelines can only improve the game.

It cannot possibly do any harm, that's for sure.

Will someone please tell me why Australia is still clinging to this archaic and quite useless "rule"?

Many Australian referees are also way behind the times when it comes to encouraging the free flow of the game.

Nobody else really cares whether a freekick is taken exactly from the very blade of grass where the foul was committed.

In most cases, referees worth their salt will allow the freekick to be taken quickly, even if the ball is a couple of metres from the original scene of the foul.

With this interpretation of the rules, the referees give the injured party the advantage of having the freekick taken at once, before the defence can organise itself.

In a recent National League match I saw a referee infuriatingly and repeatedly insist the ball be placed on the exact spot he wanted.

With this pedantic pettiness, the referee unwittingly played into the hands of the team he had — correctly — punished, making the freekick almost ineffective and positively encouraging them to commit further tactical fouls.

I wish this particular referee, who otherwise did not influence the result and was obviously well versed in the rules of his trade, had enough sense to ask himself which is the greater of the two sins: to commit a deliberate foul or to take the freekick a couple of metres from the correct spot?

★★★

A Soccer writer's main mission in life in Australia apparently hasn't changed.

Clubs, players and officials still expect, nay demand, mindless and endless unstinting praise.

That, even in over-generous doses, is accepted by the targets of the adulation without the slightest reaction, as if it was their due and the sacred duty of journalists.

Divine right would be a better description . . .

I cannot recall one single occasion in all the years I have covered Soccer in Australia where anybody bothered to lift the phone to tell me that, well, that was nice of you, perhaps somewhat undeserved, but thanks anyway — as many Soccer people have in the United States.

But should you utter one word of gentle criticism, express a mono-syllable of doubt about them or their team, they see red and spread the word that you are the enemy.

Recently, a leading identity, who will remain nameless, chose a joyous and victorious post-match celebration for a bitter, and very public, attack on a colleague.

I doubt if he, or any of his peers, would have chosen to thank the same startled journalist in front of everybody had he written something he agreed with.

Not b..... likely!

### Shirty

An enterprising crook in Rio has been jailed after police caught him selling — at $50 — shirts of recently retired immortals Zico and Socrates.

The only hitch in his otherwise perfect set-up was, according to police, that his family (wife, daughter and mother-in-law) had made the shirts themselves in a sweat shop, and none of them had ever seen the back of the stars.

Still, I couldn't help being impressed.

If people in inflation-ravaged Brazil can fork out that sort of money for a Zico shirt — even if it's not the genuine article — their Soccer future looks assured.

Can you imagine anyone in Australia offering a fraction of that amount for a shirt worn by a former Socceroo even in this era of vastly improved and better publicised international endeavour?

## Fresh ideas

***THE Australian Soccer Federation has appointed a steering committee to provide guidelines for restructuring the sport's administration.***

*The members who make up the committee are: John Constantine (NSW), Jack Reilly (Victoria), Joe Lacerenza (Western Australia), Charles Perkins (ACT), Sam Papasavas (National Soccer League) and ASF Chairman Ian Brusasco.*

*The ASF president hopes the steering committee can come up with fresh ideas about reorganising the code when it meets on September 7.*

*"The formation of this committee was one of the most important decisions taken at the ASF meeting in Sydney a fortnight ago," Brusasco said.*

*"The committee will bring in people outside Soccer who are willing to offer their expertise to improve the code."*

*Brusasco believes the future and success of the sport may well depend on the steering committee's activities.*

*"If they fail, Soccer fails — it's as simple as that," he said.*

## Star duo is in the news

***BY GREG BLAKE***

**FOOTSCRAY JUST must move right now to secure Warren Spink and Vlado Bozinovski for 1989.**

That is assuming the new club administration wants to succeed, and I believe it does.

Even if it means moving heaven and earth to secure this pair, Footscray's hierachy must do just that.

The story is that Sydney Olympic has Spink signed, sealed and delivered for 1989; even Spink concedes he's mighty close to going.

But strictly speaking, his contract at Schintler Reserve doesn't expire until November.

If I were in charge at JUST, I'd go cap in hand to Spink right now and be prepared to top any bid by the Sydney club. He is THAT important to the Footscray team.

Goal-ace Spink had his best season in 1988. His loss would be a real blow to Footscray.

You don't just let a player who has beaten a club scoring record walk away without a fight.

Spink says he is "90 percent certain" he'll be off to Olympic.

"I'd like to do pre-season in Sydney in November and at the moment I'm just trying to sort things out with Footscray", he told ASW.

"I think a move up there will do me good."

Remarkably, Footscray could have had Spink all signed and sealed by now.

Mid-year Spink, who was interested in buying a house in Melbourne, was keen to sign another contract with the club.

It's not too late to have a red-hot go to keep his marvellous talents in Melbourne.

Despite press reports suggesting Vlado Bozinovski is "unhappy" at Schintler Reserve, the player himself says he has not told anyone he's not staying put.

"I'm talking to Footscray about my contract at the moment and since I've been at the club for three years they'll get first option on me", he says.

"But then again, if I can't come to an agreement, I hope I can leave on good terms."

An ominous warning to Footscray perhaps?

Spink is quickly becoming one of the most consistently lethal finishers in the NSL.

If Footscray believes it can succeed without them, they'd best think again and act NOW!

## ED—TOR

**THE grand final between Sydney Croatia and Marconi at Parramatta Stadium on Sunday should provide a fitting finale to the West End National Soccer League season.**

Croatia has had the advantage of a layoff to lick its wounds, but both clubs must be rated in the top bracket in ability to both attack and defend.

They are certainly amongst the upper echelon of teams seen in Australian club football, and both rejoice in many stars who have wound their way through the ranks in this country.

Whichever emerges victorious on the day will have had to earn the honour.

One of the strengths of staging a grand final is that the publicity net available to Soccer should be capable of drawing in an attendance far beyond the supporters of the two clubs involved.

The West End National Soccer League is fortunate that, in Sydney Croatia, it has the nation's best supported club as one participant.

The League should be able to mount a strong campaign to publicise the match over the week to bring in Soccer supporters generally.

Unfortunately, the League in Sydney has rarely if ever operated in close conjunction with the amateur body.

It is possible to provide free access to school children and juniors and increase crowds.

The other benefit is that parents, coaches, team managers and friends join in and increase gate receipts as well.

This should be borne in mind for the future so that a concerted effort is made to fill the empty seats at the stadium.

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THE move by Footscray JUST, to be known as Melbourne City JUST, is a brave attempt to update the standing of a long established Victorian club.

Often Footscray has found itself struggling to avoid relegation, but on other occasions it has produced teams which have fought strongly and with more than a dash of skill.

The consortium that has taken over the club is looking at a $1.5 million redevelopment scheme covering the ground and social club.

The estimate is that home crowds will need to increase to 3500/4000 to make the operation pay.

Apart from gate receipts, various clubs have to find methods of propping up their finances.

Despite the general feeling that many teams can call on riches from registered clubs to aid their operation, the contrary is the case.

In fact, over recent years some licensed clubs have put their football clubs out on their own in a bid to keep their own operations afloat.

Taking the case of Footscray, the new consortium is believed to have taken over portion of past debts, estimated to reach a staggering $750,000.

It seems that the National Soccer League's criteria for its clubs is that they are financially sound if they meet their committments to the League itself.

## Invitation to juniors . . .

**THE day of the year for NSW Soccer is the Grand Finals play-offs at Parramatta Stadium on Sunday September 25.**

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**The Johnny Warren Page**

# Cabramatta on a High

***CABRAMATTA won their second successive Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup when they downed Fairvale 1-0 at Marconi Stadium last Thursday evening.***

*Coached by Sydney Olympic star George Haniotis, Cabramatta got the all-important winner in extra-time through Hugo Portan.*

*While Cabramatta were able to retain their 1987 title in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup (for boys), East Hills were not so successful in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Shield (for girls).*

*The 1987 champions were defeated 5-1 by Canterbury.*

*Cabramatta 1 (Hugo Portan) b Fairvale 0.*

*Canterbury 5 (Daveena Doyle 2, Olga Underwood, Olympia Houliaras, Dendy Sorenson) East Hills 1 (Helen Bruynius).*

***Player of the Final:*** *Daveena Doyle (Canterbury).*

*Players of the Series: Daveena Doyle (Canterbury), Iyndall Conley (East Hills).*

*In the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup, Alex Aravena (Cabramatta) was voted Player of the Final and Mark Mlinac (Fairvale) the player of the entire series.*

*Footnote: Daveena Doyle is the daugher of former Socceroo John Doyle.*

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## Yankos wows them

***WELL done Charlie . . .***

***Winfield Socceroo skipper won our game a lot of friends with his speech at the Australian Institute of Sport last weekend.***

***Yankos, responding on behalf of all Seoul-bound athletes, thanked the Australian Government for their support.***

***Dawn Fraser made the official speech on behalf of the Government, making special mention of the Socceroos, their achievements and the fact that Soccer, after an absence of 32 years, was now back in the Olympic fold.***

***It was Yankos, however, who stole the show with a superb public speaking display on behalf of the Australian Olympic team.***

***Great Stuff, Charlie. His higher public profile is a welcome addition to our game.***

## Yugoslavia bests Brazil

***"THEY are better than Brazil".***

***That was Frank Arok's opinion of Olympic opponents Yugoslavia whom Arok travelled to see play, and beat Switzerland in Lucerne last Wednesday.***

***"I was really amazed . . . it was a super game, played in the right spirit on a fabulous field.***

***"Yugoslavia has now put together three great away results in their preparation for the Olympics and obviously we are going to have our hands full in Korea.***

***"Yugoslavia beat Wales 3-1 in Wales, drew 1-1 with West Germany and now a 2-0 away win against Switzerland.***

***"Everyone around the team is very critical of the Yugoslavs, yet they are putting together some great results and have many outstanding talents."***

***From the team which beat Switzerland two players, both of Sochaux in France — Hadzibegic and Bazdarevic — may not be released for the Olympics.***

***However, Olympic skipper Katanec, of Stuttgart, will be available for Seoul.***

***Arok was more than impressed with the Yugoslav striking trio of Dukic (Partizan), Mihailovic (Dinamo Zagreb) and Tuce (Velez Mostar).***

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***5.Daveena Doyle (left) from Canterbury Girls' High and Lyndall Conley, East Hills, centre, receiving their Shield Player of the Series awards.***

***1.Canterbury Girls' High after their 5-1 Commonwealth Bank Shield victory.***
***2.Cabramatta Boys' High celebrate their victory ovr Fairvale with Allan Turnbull, Commonwealth Bank PR.***
***3.Fairvale High's Mark Mlinac — the Player of the Series — with Commonwealth Bank PR, Jennine Freshwater.***
***4.Janelle Eldridge (l), CHS Sports Association, and Jennine Freshwater, with Alex Aravena, the Commonweath Bank Soccer Cup Player of the Final.***

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# Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . . Chit Chat . . .

EDDIE THOMSON, the Olympic coach, has been charged with the offence of "not having taken the time to understand Marshall Soper."

So what will happen when Soper finishes his "on loan" term at Brandon Park? Will he revert to Olympic? In any case, he expects to be at Panathinaikos in Greece.

★★★

**VINCE COLAGIURI came through as a youngster in Sydney's StGeorge district. He moved to Apia, gained experience in Italy, and now has had some runs with high flyers Marconi. Berti Mariani has a quiet faith in his future.**

★★★

DAVID LOWE, 25 yesterday, has overcome hip and toe injuries this year to reach the heights with Marconi.

Home games bring him from Newcastle to Sydney four times a week, with away games involving trips to Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane.

★★★

**Recently Robbie Slater was stated to be off to Dinamo Zagreb. Would his pay there be as good as in Sydney? Now the latest tip is to Antwerp. GRAHAM ARNOLD, who has been building his home in Sydney, was also supposed to be headed for Dinamo.**

★★★

RUMOURS continue that talented JOHN MARKOVSKI could be heading for Preston Makedonia. If a switch of clubs ends up happening then Sunshine George Cross will be seeking a fee which will enable them to buy quality players who can keep the team well up the NSL table.

★★★

**WILL Jeff Ainsworth retire this year? Wollongong chairman Lawrie Kelly has his doubts. "Jeff still has his boots, so we are hoping he will front up again," he said.**

★★★

THE recipients of the 1988 National Soccer Awards and the Rothmans Medal will be announced at The Masonic Centre, Castlereagh St, Sydney on Friday week, September 9.

★★★

IT seems that Marconi's Fred de Jong is back in favour. He is being promoted from the Youth team play-off to the grand final squad.

**THERE is no doubt that Marconi Soccer Club has a squad of unparalleled depth. After providing a 14-man squad for last Sunday's preliminary final, the club was able to field Fred de Jong, Craig Mason, Geoff Gunning and Brett Hughes in the grand final of the National Youth League Northern Division, in which they defeated Sydney Olympic 1-0.**

★★★

WELL-KNOWN referees were on the job when the finals of the Commonwealth Bank schools competitions for NSW were played in Sydney.

Arthur Owens handled the boys' final, aided by Ken Sharpe and Dennis Micallef.

Roger Doenau covered the girls' final, with Phil Hafey and Con Diomis on the lines.

★★★

**MINEO BONETIG at 18 is one of the most exciting prospects who has come up through the Wollongong ranks. John Fleming allows that he could well have been a first team regular early in the year but for a broken ankle.**

**Fleming is recommending him to Les Scheinflug as a late inclusion in the Young Socceroo squad if they can get through to the World Youth finals in Saudi Arabia next February.**

★★★

SBS viewers will have an additional bonanza in the forthcoming Soccer cover of overseas events. In an unprecedented change, some major overseas matches will have almost immediate cover. It will be a case of strike while the iron is hot for Soccer experts DOMINIC GALATI and LES MURRAY. Galati said yesterday: "We now have correspondents across the world to give us the latest news to run parallel with our fresh video material."

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**QUEENSLAND champions Brisbane City and South Australia's Adelaide Croatia may be cooling their heels for a while, as Victoria has four rounds to go before their State League winner is decided.**

**When it comes to the play-offs, which club will represent the Vics? St Albans, Thomastown, Heidelberg are favoured whilst Caulfield, Green Gully, Northcote and Croydon technically not yet ruled out.**

*ANDREW ZINNI*

**ADELAIDE City is to meet an SA State Select in October for the $25,000 Fairmont Homes Cup.**

**The Cup will be over two legs, both at Hindmarsh Stadium on October 5 and 9.**

**A Second Division Select will meet the Amateur League in curtain-raisers to both matches.**

**Mr Gordon Pickard of sponsoring Fairmont Homes said he hoped his company could forge another link with Soccer through the Cup well into next century.**

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ONE of the early actions by new Australian Soccer Federation chairman Ian Brusasco was to communicate quickly with Newcastle Austral with regard to tonight's (Wednesday) game against the Socceroos. These are the actions that are appreciated by the workers out there in the game.

★★★

**WOLLONGONG CITY, along with the Illawarra Steelers rugby league club and their National League basketball club are setting out to arrange a telethon appeal to assist their finances.**

★★★

AIS coach Ron Smith was mightily impressed in a tall Northern Territory youngster during the national schoolboy titles in Darwin.

He's 14-year-old Hamilton Thorp who looks likely to have a big future.

The six-footer plays in a midfield style reminiscent of former England man, Trevor Brooking.

BRUNSWICK Juventus speedster Andrew Zinni, Adelaide City's guest at its annual ball last weekend, is unlikely to sign for the South Australian club.

"I haven't talked terms with them, the 1987 Rothman's Gold Medal winner told ASW.

Zinni confirmed, however, that he had a "quick chat" with Zoran Matic.

"I certainly won't be making up my mind about anything until my studies are over in November", said Zinni, who is about to complete a building degree.

"Adelaide City is interested, but I have made it clear that I am most likely to say in Melbourne."

Zinni is still likely to leave Brunswick Juventus as he has made it clear he wants to continue playing in the NSL in 1989.

He enters hospital this week for a groin operation.

★★★

**WHEN Wollongong lost 2-1 to South Melbourne it was their only failure in Melbourne over the year.**

**Previously they had beaten Melbourne Croatia 1-0, Brunswick 2-1 and Sunshine 1-0, and also drew with Footscray 0-0 and 1-1 with Preston.**

★★★

Tuggeranong United's coach Ian Heywood will lead the ACT First Division side again next season, he said this week.

The announcement was made at this early stage "because of the need for stability and the fact several players let me know that whether I stayed on or not would affect their decisions for next season."

Heywood is a former NSL and State League player.

★★★

**ADELAIDE City's NSL veteran Bugsy Nyskohus probably will coach his club's Rothmans League side next year.**

**He got in some early practice this week by holding a coaching seminar for around 60 youngsters from Dernancourt Junior Soccer Club.**

**The primary schoolboys were delighted the City great would give his time, and later flocked for autographs.**

**IN Queensland, North Star's Iain Fagan has told his players he will not be their coach next season.**

**Although the club has not released any official statements, a number of players have confirmed Fagan made the announcement at a team meeting a fortnight ago.**

**Fagan has been with North Star for five years, the first three as a player-coach. He previously had stints at Grange Thistle and Lions.**

**It is not known whether Fagan intends leaving North Star, or will take on a different role at the club.**

**"Iain has not officially told us of his intentions, so I cannot comment," said North Star official Neil Sullivan.**

**After a good start to the season, which earned the side a lead at the halfway mark, North Star's season turned sour in July and the team lost five consecutive matches, including an extra-time defeat by Gold Coast in the Ampol Cup final.**

★★★

**WOLLONGONG CITY has made application for the extension of classy defender MIKE HOLLIFIELD's visa.**

**And for those who have been wondering, specialist winger/midfielder DANNY CRAINIE is a signed Wollongong player.**

★★★

APIA have not yet commenced discussing the 1989 season with their current squad.

However coach Rale Rasic allows that five to six new players are required, all but one or two of whom will have to come from outside the club.

★★★

**THERE must be some interesting sporting discussions when the brothers YOUNG meet up. Warwick has played an outstanding role as goalkeeper of the Wollongong Wolves, whilst Craig has just been appointed coach of the St George rugby league team.**

★★★

NEW Australian Soccer Federation chairman IAN BRUSASCO will be one of the hosts at the Yardley Gold Australian Footballer of the Year Dinner. The function takes place next Wednesday September 7 at the Sheraton Wentworth Hotel in Sydney.

John Warren will host the Soccer segment of the presentation.

*ADELAIDE CITY's veteran defender Bugsy Nyskohus shows some of his acrobatic skills in his 294th and last appearance in the NSL. Neville Flounders looks on. — Photo: CARLO IRLITTI.*

## OLVER PONDERS FATE

**SOCCEROO goalkeeper Jeff Olver is adopting a "wait and see" attitude about his future at club level with Melbourne Croatia.**

"I'm not doing anything until after the Olympics'', he told ASW this week.

Olver, and team-mate Robbie Dunn, were the subject of some much-publicised criticism by a club official Melbourne Croatia's disastrous 1988 season drew to a close. But Olver believes everything was said "in the heat of the moment".

"All that business has been sorted out'', he explained. "I'd have preferred if nothing had been made public because people tend to believe what they read in the press."

Reacting to press reports in Melbourne's 'Truth' newspaper that he had requested a transfer after one year of his two-year contract, Olver said he had not decided a thing.

"I can't say yes or no. I'll wait and see what happens at the club. I'm waiting to see who the new coach is.

"I'd like to stay at Croatia," he concluded.

**— GREG BLAKE**

**CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Footscray JUST, who have work on their ground under way.**

**It is expected that the ground and its social club will become more of a centre for the Yugoslav community in Melbourne.**

★★★

ONCE again Melita Eagles, one of Sydney's strongest Soccer clubs, has narrowly missed securing a National League position.

Meanwhile, Blacktown City, with a fine mainly young squad, must have a close look at what strengthening is necessary to their playing staff.

## Wrong Booking!

**GIANT South Australian Birkalla Eagles defender Les Matiscsak was suspended last week when he shouldn't have been.**

Matiscsak picked up cautions against Beograd and Hellas, but was suspended last week for exceeding 12 penalty points.

Another booking was credited to him when his brother Tibor was booked in a match between Campbelltown and Modbury.

A Campbelltown official wrongly marked the initial "L" next to the name Matiscsak on the match card and the booking went to Les, not his brother.

A series of errors allowed the mistake to go through and big Les missed out on the Eagles' game against Salisbury.

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# Rothman's Medal wide open

**ROCHEDALE striker Craig Low is being tipped to win his second Rothman's Best and Fairest Medal in Queensland.**

Low, who won the coveted gold medallion in 1985 in a countback from Mark Gilbert (then Taringa), has had another outstanding season with Rovers.

The Rochedale club, after a strong start, tumbled to the bottom half of the table, but in recent weeks have clawed their way above the danger zone although they are not yet completely safe.

But many tipsters believe a team that has had a season like Rochedale often can provide the Rothman's medallist. Low stands out in a side largely comprising club youngsters. He has netted five goals so far this season and, as a former National League player with Lions, is a person known to referees, who cast the votes.

What may work against Low in the final count is Rochedale mid-season signing Billy Fagan. The experienced former Queensland player has had several outstanding games as sweeper for Rovers and may have snared some vital points ahead of Low.

Olympic's Stephen Glockner is another widely tipped to figure prominently in the medal count. Olympic have had a solid season and are likely to finish fifth. Fijian international Cheetha Vosuga, who was Olympic's top vote-getter in last year's Medal count, has had an indifferent season, while Mick Cerneka, who always polls well, missed several games through injury.

Steve Glockner

Glockner's biggest club opponent in the Rothman's tally could prove to be under-rated Paul Barry. But then, referees often don't spot players like Barry who go about their task with little fanfare, but tremendous consistency.

Taringa, also being placed mid-table, are another side tipped to provide this year's gold medallist. Defenders Steve Watson and Mick Savage, along with hard-working midfielder Chris Fagan are the most fancied.

There appears to be too many "stars" in many of the leading clubs for the Rothman's winner to come from Brisbane City, North Star, Coalstars or Easts. City's Lee Howells and Noel Greenhaugh have had honest seasons while Kieran Cooper's runaway lead in the goalscoring stakes should earn him some points.

Wayne Evans' form in goal also has been strong and he probably will get enough points to stop any City outfielder winning.

North Star's Billy Williamson was tipped to win the medal last year until his untimely late season send-off. He should figure again along with the North Star midfielders which include twice Medal winner Ken Swan.

Coalstars have a former winner in Mark Brusasco. He should poll well again, together with experienced goalkeeper Kim Wishart, while youngster Chris Slater might prove a surprise in the tally count.

Easts' Queensland stopper Stein Grodum has had a top season and should gain recognition by polling well, but he could split the Tigers' share of the votes with midfielder Carl Scott.

This year's Queensland Rothman's Medal presentation will be held at the Mayfair Crest on Monday, October 3.

# Queensland misses Tahiti jaunt

**QUEENSLAND has pulled out of a proposed trip to Tahiti to play in the South Pacific Tournament.**

The Maroons, one of the most active provincial teams in the region, were to have made the tour at the end of October after playing in the inaugural South Pacific Cup in Auckland last year.

Last year's event featured Queensland, Auckland, who were celebrating their centenary, Tahiti and New Caledonia.

But the timing of this year's tournament prompted QSF officials to withdraw.

"The airfares to Tahiti were exhorbitant and the tour was starting to become a jaunt," said QSF president Ian Brusasco. "Our NSL players would have finished three months earlier and our grand final would have been over. There was really no footballing reason for us to participate."

Queensland's decision to withdraw from the tournament could spell its end although Brusasco has given a commitment for the QSF to be involved next year.

But he added a final decision would rest with the new QSF president, who will take over from him, in December.

Queensland was to host the South Pacific Cup this season but asked Tahiti to take over the responsibility when accommodation for the teams could not be found in Brisbane because of Expo.

Tahiti's delay in announcing plans for the event, the political problems in New Caledonia and the chance Auckland may lose players to the New Zealand national team in October also went against this year's tournament getting off the ground.

Queensland coach Bruce Stowell was disappointed the tour was canned as he hoped to build on the 1-0 win over NSW in the annual interstate clash this year.

"It would have been good to finish the season on another winning note," Stowell said. "Hopefully, something can be organised early next year to compensate."

The QSF will hold its annual "thank-you dinner" for all State representatives this season at Perry Park on Monday, September 26. The dinner also will be a farewell for QSF executive director Alan Vessey.

# Changes in Qld

**THE administrative face of Queensland Soccer is set to undergo a massive change this off-season with five high-profile officials dropping out.**

Already, the Queensland Soccer Federation has lost its president Ian Brusasco and executive director Alan Vessey to the Australian Soccer Federation, and at club level, Mount Gravatt president Paul Lonton last week announced he would join Lions' John Morcus and Easts' Ross Melville in stepping down from their positions.

Lonton, who has been on the Mount Gravatt board for 11 years, the past five as president, said: "It's time for a rest".

This season has been Mount Gravatt's worse in 15 years and at one stage the once mighty Hawks looked in real danger of relegation.

Lonton intends to step down immediately after the final fixture and has brought forward the club's annual general meeting to late next month.

"I think the new administration should be given as much of the off-season as possible to organise for next season," Lonton said.

Lonton's announcement coincided with the opening of the long-awaited Mount Gravatt clubhouse. Plans for all types of clubhouss at Dittmer Park have been mooted ever since the club switched from the Showgrounds over 20 years ago.

Lonton will step down proud in the knowledge that it was under his presidency that the dream finally became a reality.

# Niven in demand

***FORMER Socceroo Alan Niven appears to be the flavour of the month in Queensland Soccer.***

*The Brisbane Lions fullback has been linked with just about every XXXX League club in either a playing or coaching capacity since the NSL fixture season finished.*

*The 31-year-old fullback has indicated it might be time to move on after 12 years at Lions. Niven, a former Wolverhampton apprentice, came to Richlands the season before the inaugural Philips League and has played every season since.*

*Niven, who has a Level Three coaching certificate, took over the Lions team for the last three fixtures when coach Frank Liddell returned to England after a family death.*

*"I enjoyed the player-coaching bit, but personally I don't think I'll coach. At this stage I am probably looking just to play next season," Niven said. "But if a player-coach position came along, and the offer and club situation was right, I might consider it."*

*Niven has been most strongly linked with middle of the table Taringa Rovers, but he has been seen watching Mount Gravatt and also is widely tipped to be joining Rochedale.*

*It is understood if Brisbane City get back in the National League, and Niven's transfer fee is not too high, the club will approach the left-back to play one more NSL season.*

*Niven also wants to play on to increase his number of State caps. He won his 18th cap when he turned out for the Maroons against NSW this year and is the State's most capped current player. He trails Gary Wilkins (30) and Graham McMillan in the list of all-time State appearances.*

*With Queensland's proposed tour of Tahiti now off, Niven has missed the chance of collect another three caps, but it is understood the QSF could look to host the South Pacific Tournament next year, which would allow Niven to increase his total if he continues playing.*

ALAN NIVEN

# Cuttilas helps Olympic revival

**SACKED Brisbane Lions coach Juan Cutillas is on his way to salvaging the season.**

The Spanish-born and educated coach has returned to XXXX League club Olympic United, where he began his Australian career after fleeing the Phillipines, where he was the National Soccer and Basketball coach.

Olympic have responded under his guidance and are now being tipped as the darkhorses for the grand final.

In consecutive weeks under Cutillas, Olympic rolled the League's leading teams, Brisbane City and North Star.

They are now solidly in eighth position, with a chance of fourth and are certain to figure in the Fop Five play-offs.

"If we get to the round of five,then we have got to have a chance. On their day Olympic can beat anyone," he said.

At home Olympic United thumped North Star 4-1, then gave a skillful performance to down Brisbane City 2-1 at Spencer Park. City needed to only draw to clinch the premiership.

Despite being a goal down at the break, unjustly after a string of first half chances including three which hit the Woodwork, Olympic maintained the pressure in the second half and were finally rewarded.

Former young Socceroo Stephen Glockner cleverly turned his marker to score a good goal and the winner came in a dramatic last-minute penalty. Paul Barry shut out the pressure to easily slot away the attempt, ending a run of five penalty misses by Olympic.

But the man of the match was Filipino international Elmer Bedia, who was brought to Australia by Cutillas. The nippy attacking midfielder tore apart the City defence and set up three first half chances.

"Elmer is a player of National League class," Cutillas said.

After the disappointment of Lions, Cutillas slammed Queensland Soccer and said he intended to head south where "my talents will be recognised".

But following the recent success with Olympic, Cutillas is starting to have second thoughts.

"I still have my contacts working in Sydney but, depending on the offers, I might stay in Brisbane next year," he said.

# Northern NSW News and views

**The State Story**

***FROM DAVE WILLIAMS***

## All Semi finalists

***State First Division*** — *Adamstown Rosebud 40, West Wallsend 39, Highfields Azzurri 30, Weston Bears 28.*

***Second Division*** — *Cessnock City 41, Newcastle Macedonia 37, Westlakes United 30, Mayfield United 26.*

***Third Division*** — *Newcastle Croatia 34, Dudley-Redhead United 34, Raymond Terrace 32, Cooks Hill United 32.*

***Fourth Division*** — *Kurri Kurri 42, Newcastle Olympic 40, Kearsley United 365, Korara South 33.*

***Fifth Division*** — *Kahibah, Marks Point, Newcastle Tech College 43, Singleton 43.*

***Suburban League*** — *Hamilton Academics 37, won the premiership but deferred games set down for last weekend will determine final placings between Dudley-Redhead 31, Westlakes United SL 31 and Marks Point 30.*

***Junior Super Leagues Under 16:*** *Austral United 30, Highfields Azzurri 29, Adamstown Rosebud 25, Weston Bears 21.* ***Under 15:*** *Highfields Azzurri 28, Adamstown Rosebud 27, Maitland Magpies 26, Cardiff 25.* ***Under 14:*** *Highfields Azzurri 38, Hastings/Manning 29, Lake Macquarie 25, Weston Bears 24.* ***Under 13:*** *Hastings/Manning 36, Highfields Azzurri 31, Weston Bears 23, Austral United 22.*

## Licence signed

**THE Northern NSW Federation has entered a licensing agreement with Umbro International (Australia) Pty Ltd for the use of playing strip and footballs.**

The three-year agreement will be implemented in three stages. By the end of stage three, all Federation senior players and all junior teams affiliated with the Federation will be expected to wear only Umbro-branded shirts, socks and shorts in all competition games under the jurisdiction of the Federation or affiliated associstions.

In addition, Umbro balls of "Diamond" quality and, or higher will be used for Federation senior fixtures and junior super league games.

### NSW WOMEN

***MT DRUITT had the biggest win in their history when they defeated Manly 8-1 on Sunday.***

*Tracy Marcantelli scored a hat-trick in her first game this season, while Nichole Komorowski and Kylie Moore netted two each and Julie Hebb one.*

*Girraween maintained their lead in the league by defeating Fairfield Olympic 3-0. Girraween, who made a slow start in the first half, scored all their goals in the second half through Kim Lembryk (2) and Chris Bradley.*

*Meanwhile, Putney Town had a comfortable 3-0 win over Central Coast. However, Central Coast will not be too displeased with their few heavy defeats during the year.*

*The only reserve game played saw Fairfield Olympic defeat Girraween 4-3. The defeat may have ended Girraween's hope of taking out the title, as they were only one point behind the league leaders Putney Town until Sunday's match.*

***— THERESE DILLON***


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# Tasmania game at Macquarie Field

***BY DAVE WILLIAMS***

**NORTHERN NSW Federation officials decided this week not to play the Northern NSW v Tasmania interstate match at the Newcastle International Sports centre next month because of the poor condition of the playing surface.**

The ISC, which is the home of the Newcastle Knights rugby league, was booked for the interstate game about six months ago. But, a large area in the centre of the field is devoid of grass and the surface is so soft and uneven that the ground could not be brought up to an acceptable standard for the match date, October 2.

Instead, the game will be played at Macquarie Field, where the scheduled Australia v Fiji World Cup elimination match will be played on December 3.

The same ground will also be the scene of this year's State First Division grand final — a night fixture — on September 17.

The Australia-Fiji game would probably have been played at the ISC but the ground is due to be resurfaced, with work starting in the first week of October. It will not be ready for play until next February.

The Northern NSW Federation also sought the use of Newcastle No 1 Sports Ground for the World Cup game, but the ground had already been allocated for the NSW v Western Australian Sheffield Shield game between December 2 and 5.

## Monaro "builds"

**INTER Monaro will literally be building for the future during the summer when supporters combine for the second time to put up and sell a house for club funds.**

The initial project was a great success and played a major part in seeing Monaro through the 1988 NSW League season.

Its supporters, mainly small businessmen in the Queanbeyan area with the necessary expertise, donated their time and some materials with the entire profit from the eventual sale going to the club.

The 1989 project has got an initial boost from a sponsor, Jerrabomberra Park Estate, which is providing the land for the house.

Club president Willie Weijers said the interest shown by Jerrabomberra and other sponsors had been very encouraging.

"Monaro's future has never looked better thanks to their support," he said.

**— GRAHAM COOKE**

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

***WILL Spearwood Dalmatinac be relegated to the Second Division in 1988?***

*The inside information suggests a definite no.*

*In other words there will be promotion and relegation this year.*

*The Super League will remain as it was for 1988.*

*That us assuming Dalmatinac finish in last place on the league ladder.*

*The odds of that happening is about the best bet in the Super League with only three rounds of the 21-round competition to go.*

*They sit in last place seven points behind Kingsway Olympic with only a maximum nine points left in the till.*

*Of course, miracles can happen, though your faith in such happenings would face the severest test in this case.*

*It is unthinkable that a club like Dalmatimac would drop in place of those in a position in the Second Division to do so.*

*Mind you, clubs like Kiev and Kelmscott have some of the facilities to qualify them to move up.*

*But it is the criteria set up by the Soccer Federation that should keep Dalmatinac up in the Super League.*

*Facilities, finance, playing strength and membership support will draw criteria points with more points for the quality of those criteria.*

*Initially the eight-club Super League was formed in such a manner plus points for the position in which a club finished on the league.*

*Such a criteria gave two Second Division clubs an unfair advantage over State League clubs near the bottom of the top division.*

*This year no such points for position will apply, which make it reasonably certain no Second Division club will come up.*

*They just don't have the criteria to displace Dalmatinac.*

*In addition, Dalmatinac are looking to improve their facilities for the public with full seating and cover over their west bank, that would give them an excellent public facility.*

*Such a decision will certainly upset the traditionalists who consider promotion and relegation sacrosanct.*

*But current Second Division clubs will find it extremely difficult financially to compete with most of the Super League teams.*

*Not only must they find $15,000 for registration, but there are lots of hidden costs that amount to a few thousand dollars to support a variety of Super League projects.*

*A number of Second Division contenders have privately expressed concern that they might win the Second Division premiership and be expected to move up.*

*Naturally the players and the coach are chasing this honour.*

*But those who have to find the cash are not so sure.*

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*There has been talk that a division of ten will be constituted in 1989 to cater for everyone's ambitions.*

*But the Chief Executive of the Super League, Nick Garonimos, said that there was no chance of such a change.*

*"The rules for the Super League were set for three years and there is no way of changing it till the experiment has run its course," said Geronimos.*

*A division of ten would make it difficult to achieve a significant number of games in a season.*

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*Floreat Athena should put one hand on the Super League premiership trophy if they beat North Perth Croatia this coming weekend at Lake Monger Velodrome.*

*Success to Athena will certainly end Croatia's hopes.*

*However, there may be still one danger — that of Stirling Macedonia who are four points away in third place, but who must play Athena in the last round of the competition in three weeks' time.*

*If Athena beat Croatia and Macedonia maintain their successful run, then it means that Athena must lose their last two games, something not even the wildly optimistic Croatia or Macedonia fan would consider a reality.*

*A Croatia victory this week, on the other hand, and the race will be thrown wide open for the final two rounds making it one of the bes competition for years.*

*Points standings are: Athena 32, Croatia 29, Macedonia 28, Bayswater 25, Perth Italia 25, Sorrento 24, Olympic 23, Dalmatinac 16.*

***— DAVID ANDREWS***

**STATE FIRST DIVISION**

| *FIRST GRADE* | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adamstown R'bud | 18 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 26 | 10 | 40 |
| West Wallsend | 18 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 33 | 11 | 39 |
| Highfields Azzurri | 18 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 27 | 20 | 30 |
| Weston Wkrs B | 18 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 29 | 22 | 28 |
| Belmont-S Utd | 18 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 19 | 24 | 23 |
| Lake Macquarie C | 18 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 22 | 25 | 22 |
| Cardiff | 18 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 22 | 30 | 22 |
| Central Coast Ass | 18 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 19 | 30 | 18 |
| Wallsend | 18 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 14 | 27 | 10 |
| Stockton | 18 | 5 | 0 | 13 | 22 | 34 | 15 |

# North Coast win

**GOALKEEPER Tony Craig and the left-hand upright were instrumental in the North Coast Premier League representative team winning a place in next month's final of the inaugural Benchmark Building Supplies Cup knock-out competition.**

The North Coast League team, coached by Mid-North Coast Regional Director of Coaching Bruno Tomasov, eliminated Lake Macquarie City 6-5 on penalties in the semi-final played at Dixie Park, Port Macquarie, last Sunday.

North Coast is now due to meet Adamstown Rosebud in the Cup final next month on a date and venue — possibly Coffs Harbour — to be decided.

Lake Macquarie City had enough chances to win the game, but marred its passage to the final with off-target shooting.

But North Coast deserves some credit for its performance in only its second outing as a team, after having eliminated Lambton Jaffas 1-0 a few weeks ago in a quarter-final match at Coffs Harbour.

After a scoreless first half, Lake Macquarie seemed certain to take the lead in the 77th minute when John Watson drove his shot towards an open North Coast goal. A North Coast defender handled the ball to prevent a score and Grafton-based referee Alex Morrison awarded a penalty kick.

Craig saved the shot from Matthew Nicholson that ultimately sent the game, still scoreless, into extra-time.

With no result after an additional 20 minutes, Craig stamped himself as an instant hero when he saved two of Lake Macquarie's seven penalty attempts — one of them from the luckless Nicholson.

However, Craig Kelly, in the Lake Macquarie goal, was less fortunate.

Called on to do little during the course of the 110 minutes of the game, he was frustrated by three of the shots against him in the penalty shoot-out as the ball rebounded off the left-hand upright across the goal-mouth and over the goalline.

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*All will wish the Australians success in their endeavours, which have always taken their predecessors to the finals.*

*Australia has objected to Oceania about the draw but appears to have been unsuccessful. The objection was based on Australia playing qualifying matches on successive days.*

*The other concern is the altered competition which departs from a round-robin tournament, playing instead in two groups followed by semi-finals and a final.*

*Under this structure the semi-final assumes greater importance as the two teams to contest the final are those that advance to the next stage in Asia.*

*Australia's squad for Fiji:*

*Peter Bennett (Blacktown City), John Markovski (Sunshine George Cross), Steven Horvat (Ad City), Dominic Longo (AIS), Milan Blagojevic (Avala), John Gibson (AIS), George Slifkas (Preston), Greg Dickinson (AIS), Zlatko Arambasic (Canterbury-Marrickville), Zoran Ilic (St George), Steve Georgakis (Sydney Olympic), John Filan (St George), Anthony Giannasca (Canberra City), Stefan Jee (AIS), Peter Murray (Adamstown), Shaun Murphy (AIS), Mark Brazzale (Beograd, SA), Greg Mills (AIS).*

*Coach: Les Scheinflug; Assistant coach: Raul Blanco; Physio: Jim Mavratzus; Gear manager: Mike Urukalo; Delegation head: Jim Carapetis.*

***THE DRAW***

***POOL A***

*New Zealand*
*Fiji*
*Papua-New Guinea*
*Western Samoa*

***POOL B***

*Australia*
*Chinese Taipei*
*Vanuatu*

***3rd Sept NATIONAL STADIUM***

***2.00 p.m. Official opening***
***2.30 p.m. Fiji vs New Zealand***
***4.15 p.m. Chinese Taipei vs Vanuatu***
***6.00 p.m. Western Samoa vs Papua-New Guinea***

***4th Sept Rest Day***

***5th Sept***
***4.00 p.m. Australia vs Vanuatu***
***5.45 p.m. New Zealand vs Western Samoa***
***7.30 p.m. Fiji vs Papua-New Guinea***

***6th Sept***
***4.00 p.m. New Zealand vs Papua-New Guinea***
***5.45 p.m. Australia vs Chinese Taipei***
***7.30 p.m. Fiji vs Western Samoa***

***7th Sept Rest Day***
***8th Sept SEMI-FINALS***
***6.00 p.m. Winner Pool 1 vs Runner-Up Pool 2***
***8.00 p.m. Winner Pool 2 vs Runner-Up Pool 1***

***9th Sept Rest Day***
***10th Sept***
***2.30 p.m. Bronze Medal Play-Off: losers of semi-finals***
***4.15 p.m. Final for Gold/Silver Medals***
***7.00 p.m. Presentation/Dinner***

# AUSTRALIAN INDOOR PAGE

*Pacific Cup excitement in 1987. Canada will be in World Indoor Cup group B.*

## WORLD INDOOR CUP DRAW

### PRELIMINARY GROUPS

**Group A:** 1 Australia, 2 Uruguay, 3 Italy, 4 Hungary.
**Group B:** 5 Paraguay, 6 Portugal, 7 Canada, 8 England
**Group C:** 9 Spain, 10 Argentina, 11 New Zealand, 12 Costa Rica.
**Group D:** 13 Brazil, 14 Czechoslovakia, 15 Japan, 16 U.S.A.

### PRELIMINARY MATCHES

In order of games:
**Group A:** Australia-Italy ; Uruguay-Hungary; Australia-Hungary; Uruguay- Italy ; Australia-Uruguay; Italy -Hungary.
**Group B:** Paraguay-Canada; Portugal- England ; Paraguay- England ; Portugal-Canada; Paraguay-Portugal; Canada- England
**Group C:** Spain-New Zealand; Argentina-Costa Rica; Spain-Costa Rica; Argentina-New Zealand; Argentina-Spain; Costa Rica-New Zealand.
**Group D:** Brazil-Japan; Czechoslovakia-U.S.A.; Czechoslovakia-Japan; Brazil-Japan.

### SECOND ROUND

In Round 2, the two four-team groups will consist of:
Group 1: A1, C1, B2, D2.
Group 2: A2, C2, B1, D1.
Games are to be played in the following order:
Group 1: A1-B2, C1-D2, A1-D2, C1-B2, A1-C1, B2-D2.
Group 2: A2-B1, C2-D1, A2-D1, C2-B1, A2-C2, B1-D1.

### SEMIFINALS AND FINAL

First Group 1 v Second Group 2
First Group 2 v Second Group 1
The two winners meet in the FINAL; the losers will play-off for third and fourth places.

# Grasshoppers triumphant

**RESERVOIR Grasshoppers crushed the Geelong Strikers 5-1 in the 1988 Colossus Oil Indoor Soccer State League Grand Final in Victoria.**

After a tentative start in which both teams played nervously and missed chances, the breakthrough came when Metaxas squeezed a shot past goalie Inturissi to give Grasshoppers a 1-0 lead.

This inspired the team, which dominated the next 10 minutes. A freekick from Radojevic beat the "wall" and resulted in a corner from which Jose Ribeiro scored goal Number 2.

The third Grasshopper goal came after a move involving five players and fell to Metaxas.

Con Grbevski came in goal for Grasshoppers and was in the thick of things from the start, conceding a goal from Dinko Oljar which gave Geelong a new lease of life.

But with eight minutes remaining, Metaxas completed his hat-trick and went one better minutes later with a fourth goal!

In the play-off for third place, the Corio Cats defeated Thomastown Crushers 4-1.

The victory confirmed Grasshoppers' dominance — they won every game this season — They are worthy Colossus Oil State League champions.

The top scorer award went to John Metaxas (26 goals) who also shared the Best and Fairest trophy with George Dimovski and Herber Castillo.

# Canberra Rockets snare sponsorship

**BY GRAHAM COOKE**

***NATIONAL Indoor Soccer League team Canberra Rockets has landed a "significant" sponsorship from the City Club for the season beginning next month.***

*Rockets manager Trevor Vizovitis said he was very happy with the package which had been negotiated with the former backer of the Canberra Strikers, ousted from the competition last week.*

*"I think this should prove to everyone that we intend to be around for a long time," he said this week.*

*"We are already working on ways to ensure our sponsor is kept happy. With several of our games being televised this year, it should not be hard to give them some exposure."*

*The Rockets played their first official practice match of the season at the Belconnen Community Centre, beating a new team in the competition, Fairfield City Dynamos, 13-11.*

*"We'll be giving a chance to some of our younger players and the final composition of the team will take shape over the next couple of weeks," Vizovitis said.*

*"We are interested in Stan Dukic and Baz Giampaolo, but we're not getting into any disputes with outdoor Soccer over their services."*

*Other names linked with the Rockets are former players George Kyrgios, Emile Maricic, Darko Pokas, Andrew Moebus and Dragon Perkovic.*

*Angelo Titilas' availability depends on his recovery from a knee injury sustained in outdoor Soccer, while Vizovitis is also keen to talk with the Strikers' top scorer from last season, Jim Kanaridis.*

*Mark Francis, recently returned from overseas, is another possibility.*

*And Vizovitis slung out a challenge to Belconnen United, which will be taking the Strikers' place in the league this season.*

*"Meet us in a pre-season game with the gate money going to charity. We were Canberra's top club last season and nothing is going to change," he said.*

***Oscar Langone has been appointed coach of NISL newcomers Belconnen United for the current season. Langone, currently an assistant coach with NSW League outdoor club Canberra Croatia, is an experienced indoor player and a former member of the Strikers.***

# Mexico miss the boat

**MEXICO, the 1987 Pacific Cup champions, won't be playing in the World Cup — and they only have themselves to blame for missing the boat.**

**The Mexicans refused to contribute to their airfares to Australia despite an agreement with FIFUSA that 50% of air travel expenses had to be paid by the participants.**

**As Mexico refused to honour that pledge, they were left out of the draw.**

**The Mexicans are now having second thoughts, but their place has been filled.**

**Despite feverish appeals for late inclusion — and an offer to pay their full fares themselves — it's too late and Mexico won't be seen in Australia.**

# Illawarra jottings

**Congratulations to two Illawarra players for their selections in Australian teams this year. Young Craig Eagleton, hero of the State League final, is in the under 15s to go to Brazil, and Michelle Orchard has been selected as goalkeeper for the Australian women's team.**

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The newly elected Illawarra committee has gone the way of the national body in electing a board of directors, with chairman being Terry Pearse; Arthur Manning the admin. executive, and Rob Kirkwood, finance executive.

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**A welcome to Howzat Indoor Soccer Centre, newly joined Federation members, as are Wollongong Indoor Club, playing at North Wollongong and Koonawarra. With four venues now available for junior development, watch for the region to take even bigger steps forward.**

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NSW Country Championships are to be held this year again in Illawarra, and with seven courts available, there will be room for more teams. Entries can be obtained by ringing (042) 56 6000.

Championships are on October 15/16. Age groups under 7 to under 17. Junior women, women, all age men — veteran over 35s.

***RIGHT: Well-respected JHNISL referee Tony Slater. BOTTOM: New Parramatta Spartan, Erjan Osman — plays for Australia also.***

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The State Story

*Alan Clark reviews the Soccer scene in . . .*

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## Adelaide Whispers

**JACK Braidwood has retired as coach of USC Lion.**

**"Work commitments mainly are responsible," said Braidwood. "But if something in Soccer comes up. I'll look at it."**

**Braidwood, who will be 50 this month, has a 26-year link with Soccer in SA.**

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CAMPBELLTOWN goalkeeper Robbie Parks should be back next week after breaking a hand last month.

The plaster is off the injury and Parks, the former Apia custodian, has made an extra quick recovery.

★★★

**ADELAIDE City midfielder Aurelio Vidmar leaves this week for Italy.**

**"I have a contact there who has arranged a couple of trials with Second Division sides," said the young Socceroo.**

**"We'll see how I go. If things work out, I could be there for the next five to 10 years.**

**"If I'm not successful in Italy, I'll try somewhere else in Europe."**

★★★

WALLY Bojczuk has split his coaching partnership with fellow player Dusan Rusmir at relegated Beograd after only three weeks.

The pair was appointed after the club dismissed Alex McKinnell but Bojczuk and Rusmir had a disagreement during the Beograd-Cumberland game and Bojczuk has severed his connections with the club.

★★★

**MIKE Genikas will be out for another two and a half months after breaking his leg against Hellas.**

**It's the second time in two seasons the Birkalla Eagles man has faced a lengthy suspension through a broken leg.**

★★★

FORMER SA Under 14 goalkeeper Jarrod Thrun aims to give the big-time another go next year.

Thrun had trials last year with Southampton until homesickness drove him home.

He has trials lined up early next year with Arsenal and Everton.

★★★

**PARA Hills youngster Darien Bauer must have been the find of the SA side in the national schoolboys titles in Darwin.**

**Bauer was called into the squad only a couple of days before the party left for the Territory but he played so well he made the Australian team to tour the UK and US later this year.**

★★★

CUMBERLAND hope to boost their junior set-up for next season.

Secretary Tony Henshaw said the club realised the benefit of developing a pipeline of young talent.

Accordingly, former players will be at the club next season to help in the development of the Foxes' youngsters.

Bernie Marwe, Ian Smith and Doug Melvin are three who will be involved.

*ADELAIDE HELLAS: Back row l to r: Stamatelopoulos, Doak, Hiern, Mousoulis, Panagis, Frantzis, Savoudis. Front row: Tsolaridis, Preston, Keramides, Konstandopoulos, Kidd, Blair, Price.*
*— Photo CARLO IRLITTI*

# Croatia in play-offs

***BY ALAN CLARK***

**ADELAIDE CROATIA will be going for the second leg of the glory double on Saturday in the final of the P G H Federation Cup against Polonia.**

In addition they have won the right to contest a place in the NSL against the Victorian and Queensland champions.

Coach Zoran Maricic led his side to the Rothmans League Championship last weekend with a 3-0 win over Cumberland that sent the Foxes into Division 2.

Two goals from Steve Witwicki and another from Ante Lgubic did the damage.

Witwicki could be a key man again on Saturday as he lines up against his old side.

Polonia prepared for the cup clash with an impressive 3-0 win against Campbelltown. Import Mariusz Niewiadomski grabbed a hattrick to finish the season as South Australia's leading goal scorer.

Hellas came from behind to beat Modbury 3-1 and finish the year as runners-up two points behind Croatia.

As well as the Federation Cup Croatia are chasing the top four Coca-Cola Cup.

They will play Birkalla tonight (Wednesday), at Hindmarsh while Hellas faces Salisbury which finished fourth on the table despite crashing 3-0 to Adelaide City at the weekend.

Port Adelaide and Azzurri drew their matches on Saturday to win promotion to Division 1.

Final Division 1 placings were: Croatia 35, Hellas 33, Birkalla 25, Salisbury 24, Campbelltown 24, Adelaide City 22, Polonia 21, Parra Hills 20, Modbury 17, Lion 17, Cumberland 15, Beograd 11.

**NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE**

***BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL***

***CARLOS Vanegas capped off a brilliant finals series by again scoring the winner in the Northern Grand Final last Sunday as Marconi beat Sydney Olympic 1-0.***

*Marconi grappled all the way from fourth place past two sudden-death play-offs before meeting Olympic last Sunday, and justifiably Brett Hughes collected the trophy after Marconi had the better of their opponents for most of the match.*

*Both sides had ample chances to take the lead in the first 20 minutes, with Olympic particularly slack in front of goal.*

*Marconi took a back seat for the opening minutes but should have gone ahead when an Olympic defender handled on the line in the 11th minute. Paul Okon, so reliable from the spot this season, missed as Meier dived to save at the foot of the post.*

*Fred de Jong was always menacing, and the first grade striker was put clear by Gunning in the 15th minute only to shoot over the top.*

*The sides remained deadlocked at the break. The latter part of the half saw neither side create many opportunities but the second period was all Marconi's.*

*Seven minutes after the resumption, de Jong found Vanegas with a long through-ball that eluded the defence, allowing the latter to calmly pick his spot wide of Meier and home in off the far left post.*

*Olympic began to panic and did not have the same advantage of experienced first grade players as Marconi had.*

*Mason, Gunning and de Jong controlled the plays in the middle, and with Paul Okon cleaning up at the back Marconi were always in control.*

*Jason Bennett was unlucky not to equalise in the 62nd minute, when Brett Hughes tipped the ball over the top from a shot outside the box in spectacular fashion.*

*From the ensuing corner Vanegas should have had the clincher when Okon pumped the ball forward, Vanegas beat a defender then tangled with Meier before having his shot blocked by a desperate defender.*

*Marconi held on with very little trouble to take the trophy they had deserved with another gritty display that has carried them through the final series.*

*Now they take on Sunshine on Sunday at Parramatta Stadium.*

***MARCONI:** Hughes, Carlucci, Cortes, P. Okon, Mason, Charlewood, Budini (Agiasotis), Lovan, Gunning, de Jong, Vanegas.*

***SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Meier, Triantafilou, Georgakis, Plataniotis, Scott, Hrist, Oldridge (Lardis), Koch, Sorras, Bennett, Refenes (Sharpley).*

# Northern title to Port Pirie Virtus

THE Vacation Soccer Schools in SA will be held again from September 26-30.

Hellas goalkeeper David Miller is expected to give specialist tuition at the school, which quickly booked out each of the four times it ran.

★★★

**CROATIA's star midfielder Robert Marewe has announced his retirement.**

**He played his last game on Saturday against Cumberland.**

**The club plans to run a testimonial match for Marewe, 33, who joined them in 1980.**

★★★

Officials of the Second Division want nominations for a coach to lead their select side in the Fairmont Cup curtain-raisers against an Amateur League select.

★★★

**PORT Pirie Virtus is the champion of the Northern Areas League.**

**Virtus sealed the championship with two rounds left to play. Great rival Port Pirie Savoy won last year's title.**

**NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE**

***BY GREG BLAKE***

***SUNSHINE George Cross made it back-to-back Southern Division Youth League titles when it powered away to a resounding 4-1 win against Brunswick Juventus in Sunday's grand final at Middle Park.***

*Senior striker Gary Clark, who seems set to leave George Cross at the end of this season, plundered a hat-trick inside the first half hour of the game to set up the victory.*

*Juventus had no answer to a George Cross team which was too experienced, too strong and simply too talented. George Cross came out with all its guns blazing and had the match at its mercy after a withering opening burst.*

*Georgie's senior stars — John Markovski, Andy Marth and Clark — played key roles but the win was inspired by lesser lights who seem certain to be NSL stars of the future.*

*Gary Hasler, George Alevisos, Laurie Kindtner and George Karkaledis all made valuable contributions as George Cross repeated its 1987 triumph, ironically also against Juventus.*

*Referee Stephen Davies had a difficult afternoon as both teams turned on typical grand final stuff and seven yellow cards were handed out as some niggling tackles crept into the game.*

*But it was Georgie's afternoon from the word go, with Clark starting the rout after just five minutes with a fine individual goal as he ghosted in down the left and took advantage of a defender, slipping to lessen the angle before placing his shot home for 1-0.*

*John Markovski set up number two just three minutes later as he played Clark through and the elusive striker made no mistake to score again.*

*Eleven minutes in, George Cross had a third goal disallowed for offside and, although Juventus began to find its sea legs, any comeback was short-lived.*

*Rod Giandomenico pulled one back for Juventus in the 28th, but Georgie scored again through Laurie Kindtner late in the second half.*

***SUNSHINE G.C.:** Talia, Alevisos, Paz (Cianter 62), Marth, Kotzamichalis, Markovski, Kindtner, Karkaledis, Clark, Papadopoulos (Radobuljak 80), Hasler.*

***BRUNSWICK JUVE:** Laumets (Zino 88), Carraro, Della Rocca, Giandomenico, Kapolitsas, Inglese, Palatsidis (Gasperini 84), Giaccherini, F. Palleschi, Toro (Grillo 38), T. Palleschi.*

***Referee:** S. Davies.*

*JOHN MARKOVSKI, Sunshine George Cross' brilliant youth international with Joe Palatsides pressing, in the Youth League grand final (South). — CARMELO BAZZANO.*


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**Trials for the Rockdale Ilinden Youth League teams will begin on Saturday, October 15 at 9am at Tempe Reserve, Tempe, and continue Sunday, October 23, Sunday, October 30 and November 6 and November 13.**

# JAMES HARDIE NATIONAL INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

## Indoor television for 1988/89

**FOR those of you who are lovers of armchair sport, you'll be pleased to know you have a number of avenues open this year to keep up with indoor Soccer.**

SBS will again cover the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League competition.

Every Sunday, from 5.30 to 6.30 pm, SBS will feature the main game of the day as well as highlights from two other matches - one from either Canberra, Brisbane or Wollongong.

If you enjoy a beer with your sport, watch out for games coverage at your favourite pub or TAB through Sky Channel.

The ABC will also cover the League and it's pleasing to report that Channel 7 will be the first commercial channel to give indoor Soccer coverage this season.

## Healthy year for the Tornados

**LAST year's competition winners, the Sydney Tornados, have secured sponsorship from NIB Health Funds Ltd.**

The Newcastle-based company is this year increasing its profile in Sydney and was quick to take up the opportunity to sponsor the Tornados.

Jim Glenday of NIB Health Funds, himself a great soccer fan and social indoor player, and Ray Wilkinson, handed over their sponsorship cheque to team manager Ben Pincyas in Newcastle.

Both expressed their pleasure at being able to secure the League champions.

The NIB Tornados have already pulled off a hat-trick, winning the competition in 1985, 1986 and 1987.

Every team in the League will be out to knock the NIB Tornados from their pedestal, but Ben Pincyas has different ideas for his premier team.

## Radio takes to Indoor Soccer

**CANBERRA'S leading AM station, 2CC, has taken naming rights to the Canberra Rockets.**

The 2CC Rockets' manager, Trevor Vizovitis, said having 2CC on board would not only give the Rockets a higher profile in Canberra, but would also boost attention to indoor Soccer in the ACT.

The 2CC deal is based on the promotion the radio station will be able to give to the Rockets' home games.

League manager Cameron Syrett, who negotiated the deal with 2CC's promotions manager Paul Amos, said he is pleased to see the media getting behind Australia's fastest growing sport.

3EON-FM in Melbourne have also been appointed the official radio station for the World Indoor Soccer Cup this October in Melbourne.

EON-FM, through their network programme manager, Ian Grace, have assisted the Federation with promotion of the matches to be staged in Melbourne as well as carrying score updates, player interviews, news and general indoor Soccer reports.

## QUEENSLAND STATE LEAGUE

**THE Mackay Fut-Sal (Indoor Soccer) Association is to enter three teams in the inaugural Queensland State League, which commences on November 26th 1988 and runs through to the finals over the Easter weekend of '89.**

Eight centres have nominated for this season. They are Rockhampton, Bundaberg, the Gold Coast, Ipswich (Brisbane), Chandler (Brisbane), Mitchelton (Brisbane), Sunnybank (Brisbane) and Mackay.

Representatives of the Mackay Fut-Sal Association attended a weekend meeting in Nambour on the 13th and 14th of August to sort out the format.

Each of the Centres will enter 1st Division and 2nd Division All-Age Womens team.

The Centre that wins the All-Age Mens 1st Division League will play host to all of the finals. The games will be played to full international rules.

A sponsor is being sought for the overall leagues, and Mackay along with the other ex-Centres will be looking for their own sponsors.

The Mackay sides will still be known as the Monarchs. With the talent of indoor players in Mackay, they are expected to do well.

The Queensland Indoor Soccer Association is aiming to raise $5,000 - $10,000 prize money for the first season.

Mackay will stage at least seven home games which will be held at its head-quarters at Soccer World in Alfred Street.

At some time through the season Centres will play double-headers. This means the spectators will have up to six matches to choose from.

The Mackay Fut-Sal Association will be entering at least four teams in the Rockhampton All-Age Mens Open which is being staged at their brand-new centre at the Rockhampton Showgrounds.

Mackay teams will play in their age groups in preparation for the State Indoor titles which are being held at Chandler, Brisbane the following weekend.

The Mackay Open (the Rovers Cup), which is run for All-Age Women and All-Age Men, will be staged over the weekend of November 12th and 13th.

With the Australian National Indoor Soccer and Club Championship titles being held in Melbourne in late January of next year, the Association is hoping to include teams in the 10-12 age group for the first time this year.

The champion of the Winter '88 season All-Age Womens Division 1 was Ansett Tornadoes with D.M.P.'s as runners-up. In Division 2, National Car Rentals ended up champions beating Carries Girls 4-1.

Ansett Tornadoes took out the League Cup in a penalty shootout with D.M.P.'s. National Car Rentals and M.O.E. fought out a goaless final in the Handicap Cup with National Car Rentals winning the shootout 4-3.

The All-Age Mens League finished last week with Buffalos winning the league by one point over Mackay Steel Systems. Third spot went to Rotting Turnips, and Beaconsfield Service Station took out fourth spot.

The All-Age Men are now playing their League Cup games with the new season starting on the 6th of September.

The Juniors League is starting within the next two weeks.

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## Stephen Umpleby — Winner for WIN-4

***ONE of the newest teams in the NISL competition, the WIN-4 Warriors, has appointed a goalkeeper of considerable experience to ward off the opposition attacks.***

Stephen Umpleby, an 18-year-old sales assistant, will be guarding the net for the Warriors this season.

He formerly played for Lotto Youth and Lotto All Stars. He has also represented Australia in Under 14, 15 and 16s, as well as playing for the All Stars in last year's semi-final against the Tornados.

Umpleby is also a NSW junior rep. His wealth of experience will help the WIN-4 Warriors keep opposing forwards at bay this season.

Stephen is the son of the chairman of the AISF's referees' panel, Albert Umpleby.


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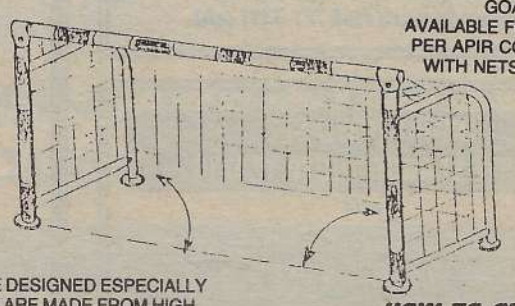

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SECOND DIVISION

# Avala's edge on Fairy Meadow

**5-0 winners over University of NSW at Little Bay Oval on Sunday.**

**AVALA coach Mike Urukalo had every reason to sigh with relief when his team came home clear**

With close rivals Fairy Meadow storming home 4-1 against Bankstown at the excellent Potts Park Ground, Avala had won the league.

The teams were equal on 44 points, but the strongly supported Avala had won out on goal difference over their South Coast rivals.

Whilst Fairy Meadow Italia only just missed out on top spot, their very experienced coach Larry Gaffney can look back on an outstanding league season, with the grand final series to come.

Amongst his players this year is NSW Combined High Schools striker John Danzo, whom he rates as an excellent prospect.

Danzo has won selection in the Australian schoolboys team to tour China and Hong Kong, and is an NSL prospect.

Amongst the other clubs who can look back on the year with pride are Sydney Macedonia, Kingsford Hellenic, Granville Chile, Maroubra and Gladesville Hornsby.

Macedonia obtained 39 points, Kingsford 33, Granville 30, Maroubra 28 and Gladesville 27.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION** | | | |
| Wollongong v Blacktown | 0-1 | | 1-5 |
| Canberra v SSC Yugal | 2-1 | | 2-3 |
| Sutherland v Ku-ring-gai | 3-1 | | 6-0 |
| Melita Eagles v Inter Monaro | 2-1 | | 5-2 |
| Penrith v Rockdale | 3-0 | | 0-3 |
| Newcastle v Warringah | 2-1 | | 4-1 |
| Polonia v Canterbury | 8-1 | | 2-3 |
| **STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION** | | | |
| Uni of NSW v Avala | 0-5 | 0-3 | 0-5 |
| Syd Macedonia v Bathurst 75 | 2-0 | 5-1 | 0-2 |
| Bankstown v Fairy Meadow | 1-4 | 4-1 | 5-1 |
| Manly W'gah v Gladesville H | 1-1 | 2-2 | 1-5 |
| Kingsford v Granville Chile | 2-1 | 0-5 | 2-5 |
| Maroubra Q/P v Blacktown Utd | 0-2 | 2-6 | 13-1 |
| Nth Sydney v Campbelltown City | 1-0 | 0-2 | 0-5 |
| **STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION** | | | |
| Moorebank v Southern Dists | 6-2 | | 1-2 |
| Mt Druitt v Bondi Marine | 0-0 | | 2-1 |
| Baulkham H. v Port Hacking | 2-0 | | 4-0 |
| Cant. v Dist. v Concordia | 1-4 | | 0-2 |
| Orange W. v Dulwich Hill | 3-3 | | 1-1 |
| Rooty Hill v King Tomislav | 5-0 | | 1-0 |
| **INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION** | | | |
| North Ryde v Hawkesbury | 1-0 | | 4-4 |
| Spanish Club v Chelsea | 0-1 | | 5-3 |
| Rangers H. vs Sydney Uni | 6-3 | | 1-2 |
| Nineveh v Padstow Park | 0-1 | | 1-3 |
| Pagewood v Rosebery | 1-2 | | 0-0 |
| **INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION** | | | |
| Haberfield v CSI Schofields | 4-0 | | 1-3 |
| Greenisland v Concord Jnrs | 2-1 | | 2-1 |
| Fairfield v Cyprus Utd | 0-3 | | 0-10 |
| Chile Sports v Macquarie Uni | 3-1 | | 0-5 |
| Wenty Waratah v Blacktown W. | 3-3 | | 3-7 |
| Trasandinos v Liverpool City | 1-0 | | 4-0 |
| **INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION** | | | |
| Hellas v Abruzzi | 4-0 | | 0-2 |
| SSC Zagreb v Colo Colo | 1-0 | | 0-0 |
| Lithgow W. v Petersham | 5-1 | | 3-1 |
| Castle Hill v Murray Farm | 4-4 | | 0-0 |
| Mt Pritchard v Arncliffe | 1-5 | | 0-0 |
| Prospect Utd v Alexander | 3-2 | | 2-1 |
| **INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION** | | | |
| Luddenham C. vs Cobreloa | 1-5 | | 2-3 |
| SPQR Noantri v Sydney Lebanon | 0-2 | | NP |
| Ashour Star v Maccabi | 2-3 | | 0-2 |
| GNS Utd v Korean | 3-2 | | 6-1 |
| Belmore Her v Assyrian | 1-0 | | 6-2 |

## Costa for Panseraikos

***COSTA Caimakamis, en exciting young player from Newcastle Austral, will travel to Greece following the end of the play-offs in the State League of NSW.***

*He is extremely skillful and posesses a fierce shot with both feet. He will be in the Newcastle team this weekend to face Sutherland Shire at Melita Stadium.*

*Should Newcastle be eliminated, Caimakamis would travel to Greece to try his luck with Panseraikos.*

***FIGTREE HS Under 15: from left (back row) Agron Asonovski, Vlade Trajcevski, Joel Ward, Alex Villella, Agim Sherifovski, Paul Pratt, (middle row) Nathan Simpson, Adam Hotchkiss, Miki Milisic, Daniel Powell, Robert Nikolovski, (front row) Anthony Burkinshaw, Elvis Mackovski, Daniel Hastings, Blaze Koroskoski.***

***1988 was the first time since 1984 that any NSW South Coast school has qualified for the State semifinals of the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup.***

***Although South Coast have had successes in previous years--1981 finalists (Corrimal) 1983 finalists (Kiera) and 1984 semifinalists (Corrimal)--they have never taken the championship.***

THIRD DIVISION

# Semi-final at Hammondville

**BAULKHAM HILLS and Mt Druitt Town get the semi-finals under way when they clash at Hammondville Oval at 3pm on Sunday.**

The former had a sound 2-0 win over Port Hacking at home at Ted Horwood Reserve in the final round.

Opponents Mt Druitt Town had to settle for a scoreless draw with Bondi Marine.

Dulwich Hill finished the league nine points ahead of its nearest rival, Moorebank Liverpool.

These teams will face each other on Sunday week at Poppondetta Park.

Orange Waratah from the Central West, had a creditable season, finishing on 23 points along with capable newcomers Southern Districts.

Closely grouped behind them were Bondi Marine, Rooty Hill West United and Concordia.

Rooty Hill won the reserve grade from Baulkham Hills, with Southern Districts third.

## NSW State League

### Results

Wollongong Macedonia 0 Warringah Freshwater 0
Sutherland 1 (Caban) Canberra Croatia 2(Murray, Pangallo)
Uruguay Penrith 2 (Genc, McKie) Polonia 0
Newcastle 2 (Baillie, Porter) Freshwater 1 (Pillemer)
Wollongong Macedonia 0 Blacktown City 1(Naumov)
Sutherland 3 (Caban 2, Lardis) Ku-ring-gai 1 (Berry pen.)
Melita Eagles 2 (Brown 2 pens) Inter Monaro 1 (Carbone pen)
Uruguay Penrith 3 (Bradley, Genc, Batten) Rockdale Ilinden 0
Polonia 8 (Janduda 3, Janic 2, Thompson, Drys, Sobczyk) Canterbury 1 (Arambasic pen).
Canberra Croatia 2 (Fioresse, R.Junna) Yugal 1 (McBreen) - game abandoned in the 86th minute.

### Top Scorers

26. Perinovic (Inter Monaro)
21. G.Brown (Melita Eagles),
16. B.Porter (Newcastle)
15. A.Genc (Uruguay)
14. R.Maier (Blacktown), Z.Arambasic(Canterbury), T.Caban(Sutherland)
13. Holden (Newcastle), Janduda, Janic (Polonia)
12. Drys (Polonia), Dounis (Ilinden)
11. McBreen (Yugal)
10. Thornthwaite (Blacktown).
9. Cole (CC), Jeffery (K)
8. Beluzic (Y), Naumov (BC)
7. Giampaolo (IM), Bradley, Batten (UP)
6. Reis (BC), Cummins (NA), Stuart (WF), Divljak (Y), McKie (UP)
5. Hristovski, Filipovic (WM), Gaggetti (IM), R.O'Shea, Johnstone (S), Genovese (RI). Farnsworth (ME), Dean (WF), Tredinnick (NA), Sandy (UP).
4. Sunjic (Y), Borges (CM), James (P), Johnstone (S), Cavanah (BC), Koussas, S.Porter (RI), Lardis (S), Pillemer (WF)
3. Zervas (CM), Kulcsar, C.Junna (CC), Vial, Callanan (ME), Meades, Lardis, Parsons (S), Gonzalez (UP), Cimarosti, Campbell, McCabe, (WF), Giraldi, Hughes (WM), Van Blerk (BC), Ryan, Berry (K), D.Wilson (RI), Dukic (IM)

**2ND DIVISION 1ST GRADE**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Avala | 19 | 6 | 1 | 86 | 14 | 44 |
| Fairy Meadow | 20 | 4 | 2 | 67 | 27 | 44 |
| Syd. Macedonia | 18 | 3 | 5 | 70 | 40 | 39 |
| Kingsford Hell | 14 | 5 | 7 | 54 | 38 | 33 |
| Granville Chile | 12 | 6 | 8 | 54 | 42 | 30 |
| Maroubra Q/F | 11 | 6 | 9 | 44 | 43 | 28 |
| Gladesville Hby | 10 | 7 | 9 | 41 | 34 | 27 |
| Blacktown Utd | 10 | 5 | 11 | 54 | 49 | 25 |
| Bathurst '75 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 27 | 51 | 23 |
| Bankstown | 5 | 9 | 12 | 33 | 50 | 19 |
| Campbelltown | 5 | 6 | 15 | 28 | 55 | 16 |
| Uni of NSW | 6 | 4 | 16 | 39 | 70 | 16 |
| Manly W'gah | 2 | 8 | 16 | 20 | 59 | 12 |
| Nth Syd Artarm | 3 | 2 | 21 | 22 | 67 | 8 |

**2ND GRADE**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gladesville Hby | 21 | 2 | 3 | 65 | 29 | 44 |
| Granville Chile | 15 | 8 | 3 | 49 | 28 | 38 |
| Avala | 15 | 7 | 4 | 68 | 29 | 37 |
| Bankstown | 15 | 3 | 8 | 61 | 30 | 33 |
| Syd Macedonia | 13 | 7 | 6 | 50 | 36 | 33 |
| Campbelltown | 10 | 6 | 10 | 51 | 43 | 26 |
| Kingsford Hell | 10 | 4 | 12 | 41 | 54 | 24 |
| Maroubra Q/P | 10 | 3 | 13 | 49 | 52 | 23 |
| Blacktown Utd | 8 | 7 | 11 | 39 | 54 | 23 |
| Nth Syd Artarm | 7 | 6 | 13 | 36 | 48 | 20 |
| Fairy Meadow | 6 | 5 | 15 | 36 | 64 | 17 |
| Uni of NSW | 4 | 8 | 14 | 28 | 51 | 16 |
| Manly W'gah | 3 | 9 | 14 | 26 | 43 | 15 |
| Bathurst '75 | 4 | 7 | 15 | 21 | 59 | 15 |

**3RD GRADE**

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maroubra Q/P | 20 | 3 | 3 | 86 | 25 | 43 |
| Kingsford Hell | 18 | 4 | 4 | 83 | 25 | 40 |
| Avala | 18 | 2 | 6 | 62 | 21 | 38 |
| Campbelltown | 17 | 3 | 6 | 67 | 28 | 37 |
| Bankstown | 16 | 5 | 5 | 62 | 24 | 37 |
| Granville Chile | 15 | 4 | 7 | 52 | 24 | 34 |
| Bathurst '75 | 11 | 5 | 10 | 35 | 36 | 27 |
| Gladesville Hby | 10 | 5 | 11 | 38 | 39 | 25 |
| Fairy Meadow | 9 | 4 | 13 | 38 | 53 | 22 |
| Blacktown Utd | 8 | 5 | 13 | 48 | 70 | 21 |
| Syd Macedonia | 8 | 3 | 15 | 38 | 47 | 19 |
| Uni of NSW | 5 | 2 | 19 | 25 | 54 | 12 |
| Nth Syd Artarm | 2 | 1 | 23 | 8 | 99 | 5 |
| Manly W'gah | 1 | 2 | 23 | 11 | 108 | 4 |

**3RD DIVISION 1ST GRADE**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dulwich Hill | 17 | 2 | 3 | 54 | 26 | 36 |
| Moorebank L/P | 9 | 9 | 4 | 32 | 18 | 27 |
| Baulkham Hills | 10 | 7 | 5 | 29 | 21 | 27 |
| Mt Druitt Town | 10 | 5 | 7 | 30 | 19 | 25 |
| Orange War | 9 | 5 | 8 | 41 | 37 | 23 |
| Sthn Districts | 9 | 5 | 8 | 40 | 39 | 23 |
| Bondi Marine | 6 | 10 | 6 | 35 | 34 | 22 |
| Rooty Hill W/U | 8 | 6 | 8 | 35 | 36 | 22 |
| Concordia | 8 | 5 | 9 | 34 | 32 | 21 |
| Port Hacking | 6 | 7 | 9 | 35 | 40 | 19 |
| Canterbury Dist | 4 | 5 | 14 | 22 | 54 | 11 |
| King Tomislav | 3 | 2 | 17 | 19 | 51 | 8 |

**GRADE 2**

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rooty Hill W/U | 22 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 15 | 44 |
| Baulkham Hills | 16 | 3 | 3 | 61 | 15 | 35 |
| Sth Districts | 11 | 5 | 6 | 51 | 30 | 27 |
| Mt Druitt Town | 10 | 3 | 9 | 44 | 45 | 23 |
| Concordia | 10 | 3 | 9 | 36 | 41 | 23 |
| Dulwich Hill | 10 | 2 | 10 | 44 | 37 | 22 |
| Bondi Marine | 9 | 2 | 11 | 48 | 51 | 20 |
| Canterbury Dist | 7 | 5 | 10 | 25 | 31 | 19 |
| Moorebank L/P | 8 | 2 | 12 | 28 | 40 | 18 |
| Orange War | 4 | 4 | 14 | 23 | 53 | 12 |
| Port Hacking | 5 | 2 | 15 | 20 | 58 | 12 |
| King Tomislav | 2 | 5 | 15 | 17 | 52 | 9 |

**TURNER CUP: Semi-finals** Figtree High 2 b Patrician Bros Fairfield 2 on penalties 5-3. St Peters Maitland 2 b Port Macquarie 0. Patrician Bros Fairfield 1 b Port Macquarie 0. **Final:** St Peters Maitland 1 b Figtree High 0.

**NSW INTER URBAN TABLES Final tables will appear next week**


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APIA UNDER 12 CHAMPIONS 1988: S. Morris, A. Lara, R. Gomez, A. Castiglione, J. Jesus, J. Small, D. Bykerk, R. Serafin, V. Severino, M. Hobeck, D. Chakarovsky, D. Cremin, T. Boustani. Manager: John Small, Coach: G. Amore.

APIA U13 CHAMPIONS 1988: P. Marzullo, C. Fonceca, A. Galati, N. Calabrese, J.P. Lena, L. Merlino, G. Buonavoglia, L. Contigiani, S. Santoro, M. Carlucci, D. Susovich, S. Scotti, M. Santarosa, R. Kuharski, S. Aymonod. Manager: Luigi Carlucci, Coach: F. Amore.

# Manly and Ku-ring-gai stage gala contest

**MANLY Warringah and Ku-ring-gai Associations will meet in a Bicentennial Trophy contest on Saturday, September 17.**

The teams will be drawn from their strong premier Leagues.

The event will be held at Cromer Park, Dee Why, and both Associations will be fielding A and B teams, with the first game kicking off at 1.00pm.

This is a first between the two Associations, in what is hoped to be an annual contest.

Both Associations are in the process of selecting their squads and the enthusiasm generated and the feeling of the players will make this a memorable occasion.

Members of the N.S.W.A.S.F. Sydney Branch, and various councillors and aldermen/women will be guests.

Manly Warringah patrons, the Hon. David Hay M.P. and the Hon. Dr. T. Metherell, have also been invited.

## Cherrywood tournament

**ONLY three vacancies remain for a position in Cherrywood Soccer Club's end of season under 13 tournament.**

The knockout conducted by this Nepean Association club will be held from Saturday October 1/Monday October 3.

Country teams are particularly welcome and full camping facilities are available at Cherrywood's ground.

All details are available from Jim Norwood on 047 21 8678 at any time.

APIA LEICHHARDT UNDER 15

**WOULD NSW clubs please send clear team pictures and all squad names to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PO Box 406 Broadway 2007.**

**In conjunction with the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, we would like to extend the pictorial cover to many other parts of Sydney, as well as throughout the state.**

**We look forward to receiving your club's contributions. Photos will be returned after use, if required.**

EARLWOOD WANDERERS U10 — winners of the Thorncroft Cup. Manager: T. Mastroian, Coach: J. Cardinale.

**Champion of Champions: Round:** 1. Country v Country 4th Sept Country, 2. City v City 11th Sept City, 3. City v City 18th Sept City, 4. Country v City 25th Sept Country, 5. Semi-finals 16th Oct. City, 6. finals 23rd Oct City.

# Demons hold Olympic at bay

YOUTH LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS

BY IAN MARRIOTT

**DESPITE a late rally from Sydney Olympic, Blacktown City managed to hold on to a one-goal lead to move into the U13 Umbro Youth League grand final.**

After a scoreless first half which saw both teams obviously nervous and playing sub-standard football, the Demons came out looking more determined and were rewarded in the 39th minute when a shot from Andrew Seniuk was palmed away by the Olympic keeper directly into the path of a grateful Paul Xerri.

He made no mistake crashing his shot into the net from seven metres.

Olympic's best period came in the last 10 minutes as they threw everything at Blacktown.

They may have been considered unlucky not to have forced the match into extra-time, as a shot taken while the fulltime whistle was being blown found the back of the net.

Blacktown City will meet Sutherland in the grand final after they were surprise victors over a luckless St George.

It took Melita just 20 seconds to move into the final when Danny Pescod supplied a brilliant cross for Craig Holmes to put past a despairing Ku-ring-gai keeper.

Godwin Spiteri added a second in the 17th with a magnificent full-blooded drive from almost 30 metres which left Ku-ring-gai stunned.

As the association team pushed forward in the second half, Melita caught them lacking at the back late in the game and Danny Pescod provided some excellent finishing.

At Solander Park St George proved too strong for Bankstown, winning 2-0 and will meet Melita in the final in a fortnight.

The Sydney Croatia U15s are generally regarded as one of the strongest-ever Youth League teams.

They certainly showed why they are so highly rated as they defeated Blacktown City 3-1 at Parklea.

City began the match looking very sharp and could well have had an early lead. However, missed opportunities allowed the Croatian machine to get into top gear.

From the moment Mathew Zec made his run from the midfield into the box and perfectly delivered the ball for Mario Kardum to ram home from an angle the Demons never looked like coming back.

The second half saw further goals to Tony Popovic from a Marco Maric corner in the 40th, and Andrew Sharpe capitalised on a defensive blunder to score the third.

Blacktown picked up a consolation goal right on the final whistle when Richard Prior finished well after a good run.

City showed early in the match that they were good enough to win. However, they were unable to keep up the momentum and will now be looking for another chance at Croatia by earning themselves a position in the State championships.

Sydney Croatia will meet Marconi, who had few problems overcoming giant killers Warringah 2-0.

Marconi's goals were scored by Micky Barbaro and Christian Vieri in what was a very disciplined and workmanlike performance.

Sydney Olympic provided plenty of entertainment in their encounter with Penrith Uruguay, running out 6-3 winners, while Sydney Croatia were able to outlast Apia 1-0 at Parklea.

## METROPOLITAN REP. RESULTS

Sthn & Eastern v Blacktown 1-1 2-2, St George v Bankstown 1-1 4-1, Sutherland v Canterbury 2-0 0-1, Central Coast v Sthn Districts 1-0, Nepean v Gladesville 5-0 1-6, Macarthur v Granville 1-1 1-2, Manly v Illawarra 0-3.

**Metropolitan Champions: Under 11:** 1st: Granville 21pts, 2nd: Sutherland 19pts, 3rd: St George 18pts. **Under 12:** Gladesville 24pts (1) game to go, Granville 24pts finished, Canterbury 23pts (1) game to go.

## YOUTH LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS

**Under 13:** Sutherland 1 St George 0, Blacktown City 1 Sydney Olympic 0.

**Under 14:** St George 2 Bankstown 0, Melita 3 Ku-ring-gai 0.

**Under 15:** Marconi 2 Warringah 0, Sydney Croatia 3 Blacktown City 1.

**Under 17:** Sydney Olympic 6 Uruguay 3, Croatia 1 Apia 0.

**Finals:** St George Stadium Sept 10, 9.30am Under 13 Sutherland v Blacktown City, 11.15am Under 14 St George v Melita, 1pm Under 15 Marconi v Croatia, 3pm Under 17 Sydney Croatia v Sydney Olympic.

**Play-off for 3rd spot:** Under 13 St George v Sydney Olympic, Stanwell Park Ashcroft, Sept 3. Under 15 Warringah v Blacktown City, *Under 15 Blacktown Assc v Macarthur, Under 17 Uruguay Pen. v Apia, Under 14 Bankstown v Ku-ring-gai.

*This is for Sydney Branch U16 representatives state titles.

**TEAM PHOTOS**
**Ring Hector Carrasco**
**728 4959 (H)**

## Combined Point Score

### DIV 2

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bankstown A | 104 | 53 | 24 | 27 | 160 | 123 | 130 |
| Ku-ring-gai | 104 | 48 | 28 | 28 | 198 | 101 | 124 |
| Rockdale | 104 | 44 | 32 | 28 | 167 | 124 | 120 |
| Macarthur A | 104 | 47 | 24 | 33 | 182 | 128 | 118 |
| Manly W'gah | 104 | 42 | 33 | 29 | 145 | 99 | 117 |
| Nth Bankstown | 104 | 48 | 18 | 38 | 193 | 128 | 114 |
| Warringah | 104 | 40 | 29 | 35 | 132 | 118 | 109 |
| Polonia | 104 | 42 | 23 | 39 | 154 | 149 | 107 |
| Gladesville | 102 | 41 | 22 | 39 | 157 | 161 | 104 |
| Uruguay | 102 | 38 | 28 | 36 | 159 | 163 | 104 |
| Blacktown A | 104 | 35 | 25 | 44 | 140 | 154 | 95 |
| Yugal | 104 | 30 | 15 | 59 | 113 | 206 | 75 |
| Avala | 104 | 23 | 22 | 59 | 134 | 276 | 68 |
| Campbelltown | 104 | 24 | 19 | 61 | 119 | 223 | 67 |

## NSW YOUTH LEAGUE FINAL TABLES

### U13/1

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St George | 26 | 19 | 4 | 3 | 56 | 16 | 42 |
| Blacktown City | 26 | 19 | 3 | 4 | 62 | 14 | 41 |
| Sydney Olympic | 26 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 47 | 26 | 37 |
| Sutherland | 26 | 14 | 7 | 5 | 47 | 22 | 35 |
| Marconi | 26 | 15 | 5 | 6 | 45 | 29 | 35 |
| Melita Eagles | 26 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 25 | 15 | 32 |
| Apia Leichhardt | 26 | 13 | 4 | 9 | 44 | 38 | 30 |
| Cant. M'ville | 26 | 9 | 4 | 13 | 30 | 44 | 22 |
| Croatia Sydney | 26 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 31 | 41 | 20 |
| Illawarra Assn | 25 | 7 | 5 | 13 | 30 | 34 | 19 |
| Nepean Assn | 25 | 7 | 3 | 13 | 39 | 61 | 17 |
| Canterbury Assn | 26 | 6 | 5 | 15 | 26 | 53 | 17 |
| Sthn Districts | 26 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 18 | 62 | 11 |
| Central Coast | 26 | 1 | 2 | 23 | 15 | 60 | 4 |

### U14/1

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St George | 25 | 19 | 5 | 1 | 55 | 14 | 43 |
| Melita Eagles | 26 | 16 | 7 | 3 | 46 | 15 | 39 |
| Apia Leichhardt | 26 | 16 | 3 | 7 | 52 | 15 | 35 |
| Sydney Olympic | 26 | 15 | 2 | 9 | 45 | 25 | 32 |
| Blacktown City | 26 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 37 | 18 | 31 |
| Marconi | 26 | 13 | 4 | 9 | 48 | 28 | 30 |
| Croatia Sydney | 26 | 13 | 3 | 10 | 55 | 48 | 29 |
| Illawarra Assn | 25 | 10 | 4 | 11 | 38 | 39 | 24 |
| Cant M'ville | 26 | 10 | 3 | 13 | 49 | 53 | 23 |
| Nepean Assn | 25 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 38 | 18 |
| Sutherland | 25 | 6 | 4 | 15 | 21 | 50 | 16 |
| Sthn Districts | 26 | 6 | 4 | 16 | 20 | 51 | 16 |
| Central Coast | 26 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 17 | 66 | 14 |
| Canterbury Assn | 26 | 3 | 4 | 19 | 20 | 59 | 10 |

### U15/1

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Apia Leichhardt | 26 | 21 | 4 | 1 | 89 | 14 | 46 |
| Croatia Sydney | 26 | 21 | 3 | 2 | 111 | 12 | 45 |
| Blacktown City | 26 | 19 | 3 | 4 | 77 | 18 | 41 |
| Marconi | 26 | 18 | 2 | 6 | 52 | 18 | 38 |
| Sydney Olympic | 26 | 18 | 1 | 7 | 88 | 26 | 37 |
| Melita Eagles | 26 | 12 | 3 | 11 | 52 | 44 | 27 |
| Sutherland | 25 | 9 | 3 | 13 | 32 | 48 | 21 |
| Nepean Assn | 25 | 9 | 3 | 13 | 35 | 55 | 21 |
| St George | 25 | 9 | 3 | 13 | 26 | 44 | 21 |
| Canterbury Assn | 26 | 9 | 2 | 15 | 33 | 65 | 20 |
| Illawarra Assn | 25 | 6 | 4 | 15 | 30 | 65 | 16 |
| Central Coast | 25 | 6 | 0 | 19 | 21 | 76 | 12 |
| Sth Districts | 26 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 13 | 80 | 10 |
| Cant M'ville | 25 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 8 | 102 | 3 |

### U17/1

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sydney Olympic | 26 | 19 | 4 | 3 | 107 | 21 | 42 |
| Apia Leichhardt | 26 | 18 | 5 | 3 | 61 | 22 | 41 |
| Croatia Sydney | 26 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 63 | 18 | 40 |
| Blacktown City | 26 | 18 | 2 | 6 | 72 | 36 | 38 |
| Marconi | 26 | 15 | 2 | 9 | 69 | 45 | 32 |
| Melita Eagles | 26 | 15 | 2 | 9 | 54 | 36 | 32 |
| Canterbury Assn | 26 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 48 | 49 | 30 |
| St George | 25 | 12 | 5 | 8 | 80 | 25 | 29 |
| Sutherland | 25 | 11 | 2 | 12 | 38 | 47 | 24 |
| Central Coast | 25 | 6 | 2 | 17 | 21 | 71 | 14 |
| Cant M'ville | 25 | 5 | 2 | 18 | 31 | 94 | 12 |
| Sthn Districts | 26 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 19 | 88 | 11 |
| Illawarra Assn | 25 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 29 | 91 | 9 |
| Nepean Assn | 25 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 12 | 62 | 4 |

## Combined Point Score

### DIV 1

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| APIA | 104 | 68 | 16 | 20 | 246 | 89 | 152 |
| Blacktown C | 104 | 69 | 13 | 22 | 248 | 86 | 151 |
| Sydney Oly | 104 | 67 | 14 | 23 | 287 | 98 | 148 |
| St George | 101 | 59 | 17 | 25 | 217 | 99 | 135 |
| Marconi | 104 | 61 | 13 | 30 | 214 | 120 | 135 |
| Croatia Syd | 104 | 59 | 16 | 29 | 260 | 119 | 134 |
| Melita Eag | 104 | 55 | 20 | 29 | 177 | 110 | 130 |
| Sutherland | 101 | 40 | 16 | 45 | 138 | 167 | 96 |
| Cant. A | 104 | 30 | 17 | 57 | 127 | 226 | 77 |
| I'warra Assn | 100 | 27 | 14 | 59 | 127 | 229 | 68 |
| Nepean A | 100 | 22 | 16 | 62 | 102 | 216 | 60 |
| Cant M'ville | 102 | 25 | 10 | 67 | 119 | 293 | 60 |
| Sthn Districts | 104 | 19 | 10 | 75 | 70 | 281 | 48 |
| Central C | 102 | 17 | 10 | 75 | 74 | 273 | 44 |

### U13/2

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bankstown Assn | 26 | 21 | 4 | 1 | 56 | 11 | 46 |
| Gladesville | 26 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 54 | 27 | 39 |
| Rockdale | 26 | 12 | 9 | 5 | 38 | 24 | 33 |
| Nth Bankstown | 26 | 13 | 6 | 7 | 50 | 28 | 32 |
| Macarthur Assn | 26 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 58 | 28 | 31 |
| Manly Warringah | 26 | 12 | 7 | 7 | 35 | 27 | 31 |
| Blacktown Assn | 26 | 7 | 11 | 8 | 37 | 28 | 25 |
| Yugal | 26 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 36 | 35 | 25 |
| Uruguay | 26 | 6 | 13 | 7 | 28 | 30 | 25 |
| Ku-ring-gai | 26 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 27 | 32 | 20 |
| Warringah | 26 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 28 | 48 | 20 |
| Campbelltown | 26 | 6 | 4 | 16 | 32 | 55 | 16 |
| Polonia | 26 | 6 | 3 | 17 | 24 | 48 | 15 |
| Avala | 26 | 0 | 6 | 20 | 15 | 97 | 6 |

### U14/2

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bankstown Assn | 26 | 15 | 9 | 2 | 32 | 16 | 39 |
| Ku-ring-gai | 26 | 15 | 8 | 3 | 71 | 18 | 38 |
| Nth Bankstown | 26 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 47 | 17 | 37 |
| Manly Warringah | 26 | 15 | 5 | 6 | 49 | 19 | 35 |
| Warringah | 26 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 33 | 17 | 32 |
| Polonia | 26 | 12 | 5 | 9 | 44 | 29 | 29 |
| Gladesville | 25 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 36 | 29 | 27 |
| Rockdale | 26 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 43 | 38 | 26 |
| Campbelltown | 26 | 6 | 6 | 11 | 35 | 30 | 24 |
| Macarthur Assn | 26 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 28 | 42 | 20 |
| Yugal | 26 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 21 | 39 | 19 |
| Uruguay | 25 | 6 | 5 | 14 | 26 | 63 | 17 |
| Blacktown Assn | 26 | 5 | 6 | 15 | 19 | 43 | 16 |
| Avala | 26 | 0 | 3 | 23 | 15 | 99 | 3 |

### U15/2

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Macarthur Assn | 26 | 18 | 6 | 2 | 51 | 11 | 42 |
| Blacktown Assn | 26 | 19 | 2 | 5 | 65 | 16 | 40 |
| Polonia | 26 | 16 | 8 | 2 | 48 | 19 | 40 |
| Warringah | 26 | 13 | 9 | 4 | 44 | 18 | 35 |
| Ku-ring-gai | 26 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 58 | 28 | 34 |
| Nth Bankstown | 26 | 15 | 2 | 9 | 63 | 33 | 32 |
| Rockdale | 26 | 11 | 6 | 9 | 35 | 32 | 28 |
| Avala | 26 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 35 | 45 | 23 |
| Uruguay | 25 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 34 | 47 | 21 |
| Bankstown Assn | 26 | 6 | 5 | 15 | 23 | 45 | 17 |
| Gladesville | 25 | 6 | 4 | 15 | 24 | 48 | 16 |
| Manly Warringah | 26 | 2 | 12 | 12 | 16 | 34 | 16 |
| Yugal | 26 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 23 | 86 | 10 |
| Campbelltown | 26 | 2 | 4 | 20 | 14 | 71 | 8 |

### U17/2

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Uruguay | 26 | 19 | 3 | 4 | 71 | 23 | 41 |
| Avala | 26 | 15 | 6 | 5 | 69 | 35 | 36 |
| Manly Warringah | 26 | 13 | 9 | 4 | 45 | 19 | 35 |
| Rockdale | 26 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 51 | 30 | 33 |
| Ku-ring-gai | 26 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 42 | 23 | 32 |
| Bankstown Assn | 26 | 11 | 6 | 9 | 49 | 51 | 28 |
| Macarthur Assn | 26 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 45 | 47 | 25 |
| Polonia | 26 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 38 | 53 | 23 |
| Gladesville | 26 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 43 | 57 | 22 |
| Warringah | 26 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 27 | 35 | 22 |
| Yugal | 26 | 9 | 3 | 14 | 33 | 46 | 21 |
| Campbelltown | 26 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 38 | 67 | 19 |
| Blacktown Assn | 26 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 19 | 67 | 14 |
| Nth Bankstown | 26 | 5 | 3 | 18 | 33 | 50 | 13 |

WESTPORT SCHOOLS (USA): Top. J Cook, B Smith, M Evans, G Robbins T Fitzpatrick, M Leahy, T Ialeggio, D McMullin. Bottom: D Stapkowski, E Drogan, L Candon, J Pollack, T Armitage, S Fisher, D Baron. Absent: D Moog (coach).

# AMERICAN SCHOOLBOYS TOUR

**THERE were many highlights in the tour by the Westport schools Staples High Soccer team from Connecticut, USA.**

They began with an indoor game at Speedsoccer in Cardiff, Newcastle, and then lost out 3-1 to Merewether HS.

Moving to Sydney, they had a 1-0 win over John McDonald's Normanhurst HS.

In Brisbane they drew 0-0 with Sunnybank HS, but in Auckland they lost 7-0 to Westlake Boys High on a very muddy pitch.

Merewether HS.

What a challenge! More primary schools action captured by Neal Hummel.

**NSW, Queensland, ACT and South Australia competed in the 1988 Australian Primary Schools Soccer Exchange in Canberra, with NSW running out narrow winners and taking the Dunlop Shield.**

The City Club (Canberra City Soccer Club Ltd) was the willing major sponsor, with further assistance from the ACT Milk Authority, School Banking Service, Ansett and Colgate Palmolive.

Don Nethercott and Helen Lumby were the local organisers.

Player of the tournament was considered to be Brian Launders from SA.

Amongst the others who shone were: Best Players: ACT — Andrew Gurlay, NSW — Hayden Fox & Nick Bosevski, QLD — Scott Guyatt, SA — Brian Launders.

Most improved: ACT — Michael Schroedel, NSW — Dalibor Strbac, QLD — Darren Stachowicz, SA — Matthew Raub & Vince Schimizzzi.

**— STORY & PICS — Neal A. Hummel.**

# Schoolgirls tour China

**SUE ANDREWS**

***NSW won 10 places in the 16-player Australian schoolgirls' squad for the tour of Hong Kong and China next January.***

*The team won the Australian Schoolgirls' Championship in Darwin, with a record of v SA 4-0, v NT 5-0, v ACT 6-1, v Qld 5-0 and v WA 6-0.*

*The 10 players are: Danielle Cheers (Merrylands HS), Teresa Zalewski (Fairvale), Denie Pentecost (Penrith, capt), Olga Underwood (Canterbury), Justine Fisher (Wooloware), Michelle Prouten (Raymond Terrace), Kristine James (Carlingford), Katrina Boy (Airds), Melinda Bullivant (East Hills GHS), Chary Salisbury (Lambton).*

*Shadow selections from NSW were: Jodie Wingrove (Kirrawee), Leisa Hutt (Cardiff), Kelly Robb (East Hills), Gisille McKinlay (Kirrawee), Daveena Doyle (Canterbury GHS).*

*Denie Pentecost and Kristine James shared the Player of the Tournament honours.*

*Players from other states to tour are:*

*Tanya Corbett (Q), Cindy Morgan (WA), Clare Nichols (Q), Angela van Egyk (Q), Tammy Sprott (Q), Sharon Black (SA).*

*SUE MONTEITH, the former Australian women's Soccer captain, will be the coach of the Australian schoolgirls team on their tour of Hong Kong and China.*

*A most resolute player for Queensland and Australia, she will have plenty of knowledge to impart.*

*Assisting her is prominent ACT coach and official, Cass Hampton.*

*Owen Sinden is the tour leader and Sue Andrews manager.*

## LETTERS

**Write to ASW Letters, PO Box 406 Broadway, NSW 2007.**
**Please restrict letters to a maximum of 150 words and preferably typed, if not neatly hand-written.**

### ASF POST

I made an application for the position at the Australian Soccer Federation.

As far as I can make out, no interviews were held and that leads me to wonder if that is any way to do business.

The appointment was announced, yet I have not received any correspondence whatsoever.

Perhaps we will see something better in future as the Federation so clearly needs all the marketing expertise it can get.

**(name and address supplied)**

### RADICAL SURGERY?

Retiring ASF President Sir Arthur George's view of what he believes to be desirable for the future of Australian Soccer requires rebuttal. Permit me some personal observations on the main points that he raised.

1) Club franchising might not be the answer to Soccer's problems — and anybody who doubts this ought to take a look at how the VFL is going with the Brisbane Bears and the Sydney Swans, both of whom have very precarious existences. I cannot see how the ASF will find 14 such creatures.

And whilst on the subject of the VFL, I hardly think Dr Alan Aylett is an appropriate person to advise the ASF on the future direction of the game. With its vast array of great problems and its bankrupt clubs, the VFL is hardly the shining example.

2) The malignment of "ethnic clubs" that keeps coming from the top-level management of the game is totally unwarranted. People who think that the "ethnic" dimension will go away with the stroke of a pen are either living in a fantasy, or know absolutely nothing about the history of the game. Without multiculturalism, there would have been no Soccer to speak of in this country.

Instead of constantly targeting the "ethnic" dimension, our administrators ought to look at the more pressing problems of poor spectator facilities at a number of grounds, an almost total lack of publicity and advertising of the game, and the amazing bigotry extended towards Australian Soccer by the mainstream electronic media.

3) A "national league" in which Sydney and Melbourne teams do not play each other is not a national league. If future leagues were to be organised along the Arthur George line, for the sake of saving a few airfares, then the whole concept of a national league would collapse.

There is little doubt that Australian Soccer has problems that need urgent attention (and, one hopes, debate). It is not alone; these are difficult times for many mass-spectator professional sporting bodies.

**Nicholas M. Economou**
**Kew 3101.**

*[It was European migration that entirely changed Soccer in Australia. There is no doubt that these people carry the game today.*

*However, the environment has completely changed. If the real attendance figures were published this would be proved beyond doubt.*

*Leaving aside anything that Sir Arthur George said — and there is no doubt that he would not expect any reform to be easily accomplished — it should be said that Victoria has a super-keen but narrow Soccer base.*

*NSW has seven times as many players as Victoria, and it must gradually pursue a line which reflects its potential if it is to succeed.*

*If there is no real answer to a decreased number of followers and the game cannot be extended at top level to Newcastle, Canberra and Brisbane, then there no future. There are many issues beyond these, as well as the powerful ethnic interest in the sport.*

*Mr Economou's view that two divisions would cause the NSL to collapse can be disputed. The NSL reverted to two divisions a few years ago to save its life. — ED]*

### SCHOOLS

I would just like to congradulate AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY's coverage of the Commonwealth Bank Cup and of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Shield.

The future of Australian Soccer probably begins with High School students and with your encouragement and support we may have a great national team in a few years.

Keep up the great work with our young Soccer stars of the future.

**Jim Whitson,**
**Charlestown 2290.**

### COMPETITION

I refer to Joe Taylor's comment ASW 20.7.88 concerning the ethnicity of Soccer clubs.

What he saw as rivalry between Sydney-Croatia and Footscray-Serbia doesn't exist "back in Yugoslavia".

The fact is that the names may change but the teams still come from ethnic clubs.

I believe we should be appreciative of such competitiveness between top draw-cards. Why is it that clubs like Sydney Croatia have so much support?

For those who are truly interested in watching good Soccer, I'm sure the ethnicity of the crowd is irrelevant.

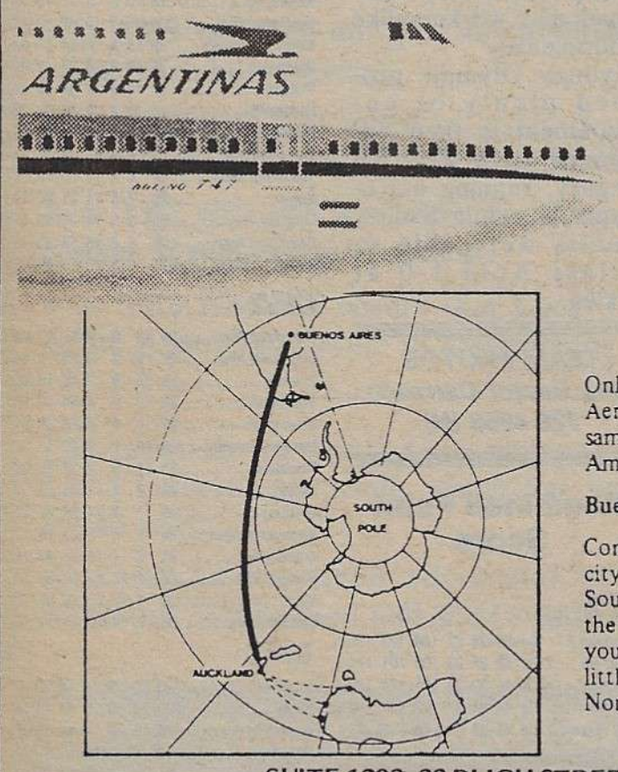
Through the recent publicity with the Socceroos, I can see the long standing prejudices and ignorance giving way to interest and support for the game.

It is up to us, the Soccer supporters, to promote our great game and change the attitudes of the wider Australian public.

**Julie Andrensek,**
**Abbotsbury 2171.**

***NOTE:** Tony Sango, Melbourne.*

***Please mail us your address so that we can supply the information you require on English clubs. — Ed***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# IT'S A FACT! — Part Seven

**Compiled by Jeff Petersen**

⁂ ***that Gordon Banks was recognised as the world's number one goalkeeper during his playing days. First capped in 1963, he conceded only 47 goals in 73 full internationals.***

⁂ *that Loughborough Town hit a record low with only one victory in 32 Second Division games in seson 1899/1900.*

⁂ ***that in season 1958/59, Lincoln City had a centre half named Ray Long, who was 6ft 3in, and an outside left named Joe Short, who stood 5ft 2nd!***

⁂ *that Huddersfield Town fielded an unchanged defensive line-up throughout their entire 1952/53 season!*

⁂ ***that Everton's record home attendance was 78,299 for a Division One game against Liverpool on September 8th 1948.***

⁂ *that Bobby Charlton was the last of the Charlton brother to last play for England — by just three days!*

⁂ ***that the longest time required to complete a Sheffield Wednesday Football League fixture was five months! The November 1898 match against Aston Villa was abandoned with ten minutes left to play and completed in March 1899, when the ten minutes was played. For the record, Wednesday won the game 4-1.***

⁂ *that Glenn Hoddle made his debut for Spurs when he came on as sub for Cyril Knowles in the 2-2 home draw with Norwich on August 30th 1975. Glenn had to wait until February 21st 1976 at Stoke for his first full game, and in it, he blasted home the winner in a 2-1 scoreline beating Peter Shilton!*

# Around the globe

**Compiled by LOU GAUTIER**

★ **France's cable television channel, Canal Plus, has won exclusive rights to telecast the national team's World Cup elimination games next season. Canal Plus will pay $1.5 million per game.**

★ Barcelona captain Jose Ramon Alexanco Ventosa has been arrested in Arnhem, Holland, where his team was in a pre-season camp, on a rape charge. His accuser is a local Dutch teenager. Ventosa was released on $50,000 bail and will have to appear in court in mid-October.

★ **Real Madrid midfielder Milan Jankovic has joined Aussie Eddie Krncevic at Anderlecht. Jankovic was transferred to Belgium to make room for Bernd Schuster.**

★ Dynamo Kiev's former USSR international goalkeeper, Mikhail Mikhailov, may be the next Soviet player to play abroad. Swiss club Lausanne Sport is interested.

★ **The English club season kicks off on August 27; Spain's on September 4, and the Greeks will resume hostilities on September 11. Italy's championship will only start on October 9.**

# Sloppy Brazil Cup bid

**FIFA president Joao Havelange has launched a bitter attack on Brazilian Soccer officialdom for their failure to secure the 1994 World Cup finals.**

The Brazilian-born Havelange said Brazil's "pathetic" presentation had made it impossible for FIFA to consider the country as a serious World Cup contender.

FIFA seven weeks ago chose the United States, unsuccessful in 1986, to host the series.

"Whereas the United States showed FIFA a high-tech presentation on its stadiums and overall facilities, the Brazilians came up with a scratchy video on Rio's famous Carnival!" Havelange lamented.

"It had absolutely nothing to do with Brazil's ability to stage the World Cup."

Brazil was not even the FIFA Executive's second choice — Morocco received seven votes to America's 10.

"It was very disappointing to say the least," added Havelange. "As a Brazilian, I was deeply humiliated by the haphazard presentation — or rather the amazing lack of it."

Despite the mess they made of things, Brazilian Soccer officials had the gall to criticise FIFA for choosing the United States.

One (half)-wit is reported to have said the decision was the same as selecting Brazil to stage the world baseball championship.

— LOU GAUTIER

# Super League has Buckley's

**ALEX Fynn, chairman of the giant multinational advertising agency of Saatchi and Saatchi is prepared to sponsor a European Super League, with financial assistance from satellite and cable television.**

Fynn claims the idea is supported by the officials of the clubs he has in mind to kick off the competition.

According to Fynn, all that is required to make it happen is the nod of approval from UEFA, the governing body of European Soccer.

Fynn envisages the following clubs in the 14-team Super League:

Celtic and Rangers (Scotland), Anderlecht (Belgium), Dynamo Kiev (USSR), Benfica (Portugal), Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia), Ajax (Holland), Bayern Munich (West Germany), Bordeaux (France), Barcelona and Real Madrid (Spain), Napoli, Juventus and AC Milan (Italy).

No English clubs were included in his proposed list of entrants because of the need to work within the UEFA system.

Such Super Leagues have been on the drawing board for decades.

Actually, it was a similar vision which led to the creation of the European Champions' Cup in 1955 — the brain child of the late French Soccer journalist, Gabriel Hanot.

There are only two chances a Super League will see the day in the next 10 years — Buckley's and none.

The UEFA, which sponsors the three European club competitons, would never agree to their events being superseded by a new glamour competition.

So don't hold your collective breath . . .

— LOU GAUTIER

★ **IAN RUSH has succumbed to the pressures of the Italian first division football and returned to his old club Liverpool in England. Juventus and the Anfield crew had reportedly been working on the deal for quite some time.**

**Liverpool paid $5.8 million for Rush's renewed services as against the $7 million they received in the deal struck between the world football powers 2 years ago. Rush's 1-year stay in Turin netted him 14 goals, 8 in the league proper — all parties were said to be happy with the deal.**

**Rush in fact made his debut in the 2-1 Charity Shield win over Wimbledon at Wembley, where the man he was bought to replace — John Aldrige — scored both Liverpool goals. Meantime Juventus moved in the transfer market by securing the services of Dynamo Kiev's star Russian mdifielder, Alexander Zavarov.**

**Initially he was bought to replace 24-year-old Dane, Michael Laudrup. But with Rush's departure, Laudrup's services may still be retained, suffice to say the blond bombshell is not at all pleased!**

★ Napoli beat the Japanese national team 2-0 in Tokyo in front of a sell-out crowd of 90,000. On the same day, South Korea held visiting Racing Club of Buenos Aires to a 2-2 draw at Seoul's Olympic Stadium.

★ Ruud Gullit has been awarded the Grand Order of Orange-Nassau, Holland's highest decoration, by Queen Beatrix for his contribution to the Netherlands' international standing.

★ **Northern Irish club Linfield has reached agreement with Lokeren, the Belgian Second Division side, to use their stadium for the second leg UEFA Cup game against Turun of Finland on October 5. Linfield were banned by UEFA from playing their next two matches in a European competition at home following a disturbance at Windsor Park last year against Lillestrom of Norway.**

★ The United States advanced to Round 2 of the CONCACAF World Cup eliminations by defeating Jamaica 5-1 in Fenton. The first leg, in Kingston, ended in a 0-0 draw. This was the Americans' biggest World Cup win since beating Bermuda 6-2 in 1968.

★ **Toulouse's new Soviet player, international Vagiz Khidiatulin, was sent off during his team's 2-1 win over Metz in the French First Division — his first expulsion-ever.**

★ The Belgian First Division competition will be sponsored for the first time by English bookmaking giants, Ladbroke. The competition will be known as the Ladbroke League this season.

★ **London's underground railways system is lobbying the Government to cancel all future England v Scotland games at Wembley. Officials claim hooligans caused $3 million worth of damage to the "tube" at the last England-Scotland clash. "Send them to Coventry," a spokesman said!**

★ The Soviet Union beat China 2-0 to win an eight-nation Under 21 tournament in Bangkok. For third place, Thailand defeated North Korea 2-0.

★ **In World Cup qualifying action, Angola and Sudan drew 0-0 in Luanda in their first leg African zone tie. And, at Accra, Ghana were also held to a scoreless draw, by Liberia. In Tunis, Guinea scored an upset 3-0 win over Tunisia, but the home team qualified for the next round on a 5-3 aggregate.**

★ Norway and Bulgaria drew 1-1 in a friendly international in Oslo in front of only 7,100 spectators. Gran Srloth scored for the home team and Hristo Stoitchov for Bulgaria. Finland and the USSR Olympic team drew 0-0 in another exhibition match, in Helsinki.

★ **VfB Stuttgart, of West Germany, defeated Olympiakos 1-0 in the final of the Salonika international tournament. Heraklis took third place by beating Torino in a penalty shootout.**

★ Jose Luis Mata, a former Mexican international, and national youth team assistant coach, Gerardo Gallegos, were sentenced to a year in jail for falsifying the birth certificates of the Mexican national under-18 squad in Guatemala earlier this year. This resulted in all Mexican teams being banned from international competition for two years.

★ **Napoli defeated Racing Buenos Aires 4-1 in an exhibition game in Avellino, Italy. Careca scored a hat-trick.**

★ John O'Neill, the Northern Irish international, has retired after damaging knee ligaments. The 30-year-old defender has been capped 39 times.

★ **Gary Brooke, ex-Tottenham, Norwich City and Groningen (Holland) has joined Wimbledon. The 27-year-old midfielder was transferred by the Dutch club for $400,000.**

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*Peruvian champion, Universitario de Lima qualified for the next round of the Libertadores Cup. Universitario drew 0-0 with Brazilian champion, Sport Recife, in the away match played at Recife, Brazil.*

★ AC Milan have sold 60,000 season tickets before they embark on their defence of the Italian League championship in October.

★ **Celtic defeated Cruzeiro, of Brazil, 4-2 in a special match to celebrate the Scottish club's centenary in Glasgow. Walker scored a hat-trick and McAvennie one goal, while for Cruzeiro, Hamilton, the Brazilian striker with the very Scottish name, scored both goals.**

★ Dundee United have signed the Yugoslav international, Miodrag Kirvokapic, and London-born Raphael Meade, formerly with Arsenal, from Sporting Lisbon, for $700,000.

★ **The local borough council and bailiffs have been ordered to repossess Newport County's Somerton Park ground after the club, relegated from the English Football League last season, failed to pay rent arrears of $40,000.**

★ Franz Beckenbauer has selected seven new West German players for the friendly international against Finland on August 31 in Helsinki. The new caps are goalkeeper Andreas Koepke (Nurnberg); libero Gunnar Sauer (Bremen); defenders Holger Fach (Uerdingen) and Gunther Schaefer (VfB Stuttgart); midfielder Thomas Hassler (FC Koln) and the twin strikers from Werder Bremen Gunther Hermann and Karl-Heinz Riedle.

On the ball in

# SOUTH AMERICA

**BY MARIO ETCHART**

***Brazilian Soccer is going through another crisis. This time the fight is a three-way battle between — overseas clubs, players involved with the national squad and the Brazilian Soccer Federation.***

***There are serious doubts about the availability of Valdo, Andrade and Ricardo for the Seoul Olympic Games because their new clubs, Benfica of Portugal and Roma of Italy demand that their new stars should play in the decisive games for the UEFA Cup and the Italian League.***

***Benfica and Roma will free Valdo, Andrade and Ricardo just one week before the beginning of the Olympic Games.***

***The Brazilian Soccer officials are opposed to allowing the players to have a break with the regular training of the national squad and go to Europe to play for their new clubs.***

***Carlos Alberto Silva, the Brazilian national coach admitted that we will have difficulties to strengthen the midfield without Valdo. The other key player, Geovani, is still injured and in doubt for the game.***

***"Today I have a player; tomorrow that player is gone. What I am I going to do," Silva asks.***

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***Cabriel Ochoa Uribe officially resigned as coach of Copa Libertadores runner-up, America de Cali, after nine years of involvement with the Colombian club.***

***Uribe took America to win six national championships and three times to the final of the Libertadores Cup, but the major title at club level was always elusive for the "Red Devils".***

***America already qualified for this year semifinals of the "Copa Libertadores de America".***

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**Universidad Catolica of Chile won group 1 of the Libertadores Cup after beating Deportivo Tachira of Venezuela 2-1. The Chilean champion will now face Nacional of Uruguay in the next elimination round.**

**Colo Colo, second in the same group, will play against Oriente Petrolero of Bolivia, winner of group 4.**

# Socceroo Farewell

**SOME of Australia's greatest sporting celebrities will join the Socceroos' Olympic Games farewell gala at the Sydney Town Hall on Tuesday, September 6.**

**The following "legends" of local sport will be in attendance:**

**★ Three-time Olympic gold medal swimmer, and NSW State MP, Dawn Fraser;**

**★ Former cricket greats Ian Chappell and Doug Walters;**

**★ Wallaby rugby union captain Nick Farr-Jones and Australia's best known rugby international David Campese;**

**★ Champion Wayne Pearce and former rugby league test star Johnny Raper;**

**★ Current world boxing champion Jeff Fenech.**

**Also present will be members of Australia's 1956 Olympic Soccer team, quarter-finalists in Melbourne, and 1974 World Cup players.**

**Channel 9 sports commentator George Donikian (ex-SBS) and Channel 10 sports presenter David Fordham will host the gala ball which is designed to raise money for the Socceroos to counter any loss of earnings they may incur, as part-timers, by participating in the Olympics.**

**Well known Australian entertainers such as John Swan, Vince Sorrenti and George Young have pledged their support as entertainers.**

**The Australian Soccer Federation is supporting the venture which is being organised by an independent group which includes Harry Michaels, Joe Prestia, John Constantine and Andrew Lederer.**

**Chairman Ian Brusasco, who pledged a donation by the ASF, is encouraging all state federations to follow his lead.**

**The response has been excellent: more than 600 of the 700 available tickets are already sold.**

**For inquiries regarding the Socceroo Ball and purchase of the few remaining tickets, please telephone 555 1633.**

*Australia's world boxing champion Jeff Fenech.*

# Letter from England

**BY MIKE JOHNSON**

***I am writing this in Wimbledon, London during the fourth week of an overseas trip with my two sons, Brendan and Damian.***

I have been watching a lot of Soccer — which is the boys' preference.

On treat ahead for us is the Chelsea match at Stamford Bridge against the beleaguered Tottenham, "fresh" from their 0-4 loss to Arsenal in their Wembley Tournament game.

We also had tickets for the Charity Shield match between Liverpool and Wimbledon.

We were behind the goal at the Liverpool end because Damian is a Liverpool fan despite the fact that Brendan was born in Wimbledon and I played there!

Wimbledon lost, but Damian did not rub it in.

Newcastle, my home town, has updated its large Soccer stadium with two huge grandstands, and it looks very modern and impressive.

I remember playing there in front of 60,000 people many years ago — that was a regular crowd then.

However, the trend in Britain today is to modernise the stadiums and provide much more seating, which produces a smaller capacity than the terraces where many British supporters prefer to stand.

Soccer does appear to be prospering again in England despite the violence which seems to have abated somewhat because of the extra seating and extended club membership, with many supporters being "encouraged" to buy season tickets and visiting fans being "discouraged" and, in some cases, banned altogether.

Every game we have watched so far has had its "cheer squad" (for want of a better word) to orchestrate and lead the support for its team.

In Blackpool, visitors Blackburn had strong away support.

Blackpool, like Wimbledon, now has a multi-millionaire backer whose money brought them into the Third Division last year and hopes to take them to Division One in the near future.

The Blackpool "cheer squad", resplendent in their earrings, tattoos and Mike Tyson haircuts, "transferred" to Blackpool Cricket ground the next day to cheer on Lancashire against Middlesex in a county cricket one-day game.

They had a great time drinking, then taunting Mike Gatting, the Middlesex and former England captain.

There were yells of great delight when a streaker ran the length of the pitch and jumped over a wall undisturbed by two policemen, who were responsible for almost 8000 spectators.

There is a certain quaintness about England which does not leave it always equipped to deal with the necessities of modern times . . .

The breathtaking skills of several Black Soccer players over here have made a great impression on me.

And I am sure that before very long, there will be many more good enough to emulate John Barnes, the first real Black English Soccer superstar.

### Jim Kelly

One man who walked **away** from Soccer and became rich is Jim Kelly, whom I met in Blackpool.

Jim used to captain Blackpool before moving to Australia in the early sixties where he captain-coached South Coast United (Wollongong Wolves' forerunner) to eminence.

South Coast's 4-0 win over Apia in 1963 in what is still the biggest crowd to see a club match in Australia — 30,148 — is warmly remembered by Kelly, who was delighted to learn of the success of John Fleming's side this season.

Jimmy left Australia in the early 70s to coach England's Workington but left soon after to become a businessman.

He has done very well, and now has little or no connection with Soccer.

***The writer is a former English professional player residing in Sydney.**

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*"As of September 3, all games on SBS-TV's WORLD SOCCER will be brought to viewers immediately after they have been played.*

*"This means people will be able to see clips of all their favourite teams in action from all over the world — whether they be Greek, Spanish, Italian, Yugoslav, English or South American teams or games from those countries and more — on SBS-TV, before they will see it anywhere else, if at all.*

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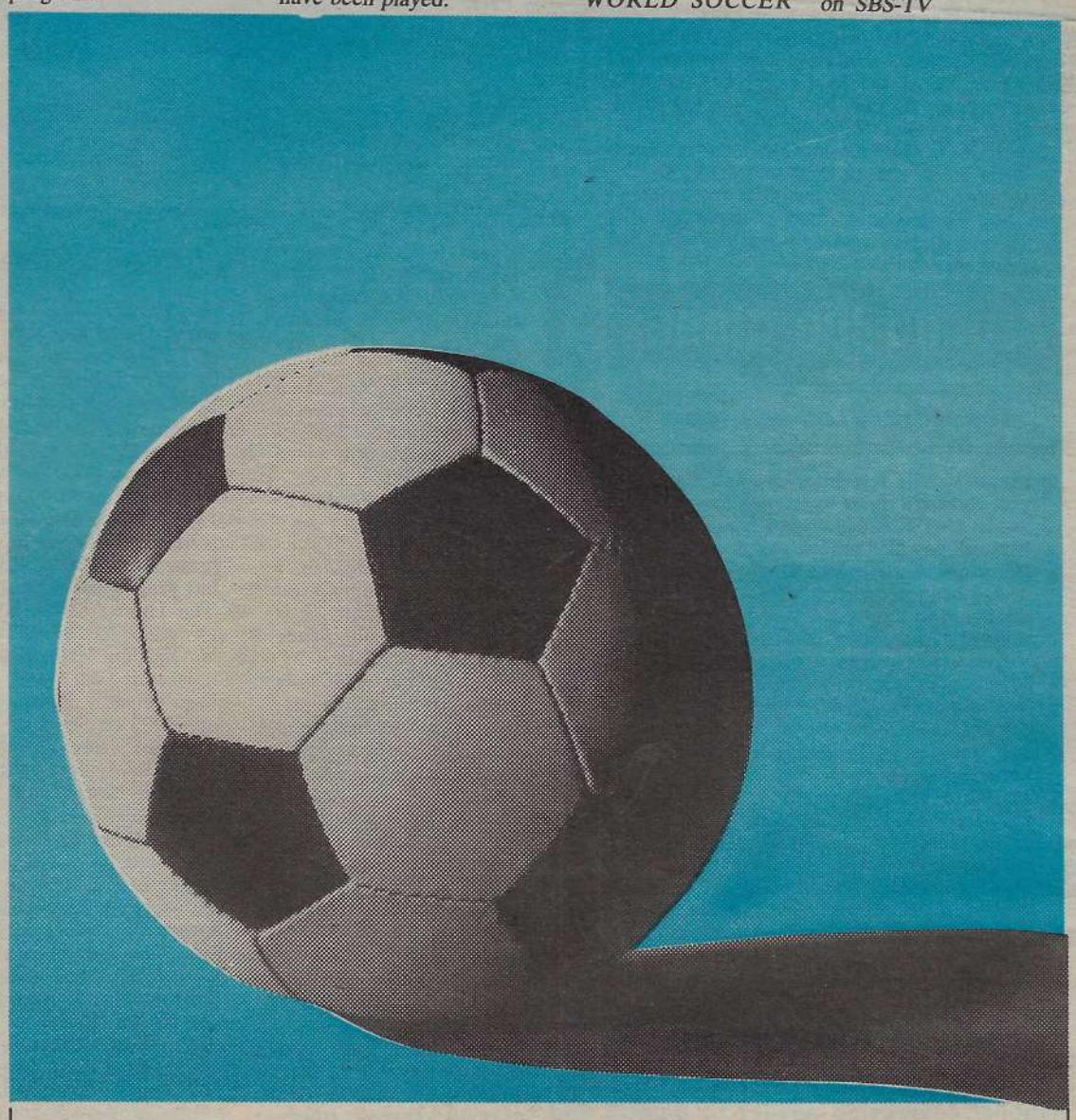

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